

# **The WEEKLY**

# **REPORT**

# **ANORAKS**

## **The First with the News in Print**

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We were going to start the report with comments about Laser's 11 day absence, and what could possibly have gone wrong this time, but to our complete surprise, we noted the transmitter switched on with a blank carrier at just before mid - day today, and, as this piece is written, almost normal programmes have resumed. Can they stay on this time? At least the weather must be on their side now, with Spring upon us. Let's wish them the best of luck, again. The power seems to be exactly the same as when they went off, so, rumours of a new antenna system being erected, can be put into mothballs, once again.

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**NEW MERCHANDISE.** **Offshore Echo's Magazine, Issue 65** is now available, and with it, comes a free Radio Monique sticker, courtesy of that station. All the latest in - depth stories and interviews, from the ships, plus lots of exclusive new photographs are to be found within. The price is £1.90 for this 60 page issue, or £9.00 for a year's subscription (5 issues), which constitutes a saving of 50p. The magazine is all English, and we also have available, the all French version, which is also a 60 page issue, although with much different content..... Issue 41 of the Dutch **Offshore Magazine** is now in stock. This half English/half Dutch language magazine deals totally with offshore radio, including a 3 page summary of the re-start(s) of Laser, in December and February. Several pages of Caroline information from the same period is also featured, as well as several photographs. The cost of this A5 magazine is £1.90..... A new addition to our black and white postcard collection, **Radio Scotland Postcards.** This excellent black and white aerial shot, shows the Comet under tow. The cost, the same as all our black and white postcards, is 20p each or 6 for £1.00.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** **CLCG Magazine No.3/87** arrived in the week. Seemingly masses of A4 sheets, packed with all the latest news. All in German, unfortunately, but lots of cuttings, adverts and logs, of interest. Details from CLCG, Postfach 54 01 01, D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany.

**TAPE OFFER.** This week, we offer the last of our recently received recordings of Chicago radio stations. Tape 39 features an afternoon show, on A/C (Adult Contemporary) station **WCLR - FM**, and is in stereo. We return to London for Tape 40, which features the soul sounds of

**Solar FM** as heard last Sunday afternoon. This recording is in mono. As normal, both tapes run for 90 minutes, and cost £2.00 each.

**BOAT TRIPS.** Plans are underway, now that Summer is upon us (ha ha!), to re - start trips to the stations in the North Sea, from the English coast. If anyone would like to have their names put forward as likely candidates, drop us a line, and we will gladly forward your name to our good friend Albert Hood. (Please feel free to contact him direct if you wish). Alternatively, anyone game for an adventure, can book on "Trips to the Ships". This large vessel runs from France (you have to make your own way there) and all details can be obtained by writing to FRC Holland (Dept AUK), Postbus 17460, 2502 CL Den Haag, Holland.

**AVAILABLE FOR HIRE.** For just £5.00 (Sterling or Irish), you can hire the services of Radio Rainbow for one hour...They broadcast on AM, 1521kHz., with 1 kw, shortwave, 6240kHz., with 400 watts and FM (stereo), locally, each Sunday morning. Simply send a one hour cassette of your station, along with £5.00, and leave the rest to them. Of course, they reserve the right to reject unsuitable programming. The address is Radio Rainbow, 151 Moneymore, Drogheda, Co. Louth, Eire. Take advantage of this amazing offer and avoid possible DTI prosecution.

**WANTED.** Tape recordings of Soul/Disco Mega - Mixes, from radio (Italy, U.S.A., Europe, etc.)...Will exchange...Contact Mike Goodwin, 19 Maxwell Street, St. Helens, Lancs. WA10 3UD.

**WANTED.** Keen Galway Anorak for occasional correspondence regarding Galway piratical activity....Contact Siobhan Cronin, 17 Llewellyn Grove, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16.

**WANTED.** Male or female pen pal for 13 year old Chicago girl, very much into radio, AM, FM

and short wave. Write in the first instance to us, and we will pass your name on to our American colleague.

**GENERAL.** There have been no major alterations to our Theme Tune List, No. 3, although minor amendments are still coming in. If anyone would like a copy, simply request same. They are free of charge and will be sent with the following week's report. We are still seeking further info, so why not get yourself a copy and see if you can help us out. A further up date is planned shortly.

It seems ages since we up - dated the Caroline Presenters since August 1983 list. So, we have done just that, and again, copies are free, on request, to be sent with your report. Although most presenters are listed, we will stand corrected when it comes to the odd show at night by an engineer, cook, or visitor.

Can any of our Midlands (UK) readers enlighten us about a programme each weekday evening, between 19:30 and 22:00, on Radio WM, called "Radio Caroline" with Caroline Salt? The programme can be seen advertised in Radio Times, each week, under the said station's listings. Do they relay 558, or is this where 'Overdrive' has gone?!!!! It seems a bit cheeky, to say the least!

Talking about Caroline, correspondent, Barry, tells us that the Territorial Sea Bill has yet to have it's first reading in the House of Commons, despite it being seen in print that this has actually happened.

#### RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.

A reporter telephoned in last Sunday afternoon, and told us that he had received a signal on 103.5MHz., on a high vantage point in Largs, Scotland. The station identified as **Mid West Radio**, from Ballyhaunis in Co. Mayo. Unfortunately, we were unable to check this out due to the powerful signal of Q 102, on the same channel, at this location.

## "Bee Bop Gold"

**9am-3 pm Every Sunday**

ELVIS	🎵		Sam
	🎵	Chuck	Neil
	🎵	Berry	Diamond
Buddy			🎵
Holly	Beatles	Bill	Fats
	🎵	Haley	Domino

**The Award Winning Solid Gold Program**

## Dig IT DADDY-O!

539 MW
101 FM

# SUNSHINE 101

**Hosted by NAILS (Cool Cat) MAHONEY**

On Monday evening, good FM conditions, the first for some considerable time, here, brought in a host of Irish independent stations, including all the usual 'super - powers', **Sunshine**, **Energy**, **Q 102**, etc., plus **Heartbeat** on 104.65MHz.,

**Big 'M'** on 105.0MHz., **Radio Dublin** on 105.1MHz., UNID., possibly **Boyneside**, on 105.5MHz., UNID., on 106.1MHz. and **Phoenix Radio**, recently returned to the air, on the new channel of 107.0MHz.

## PHOENIX RADIO



FM

P.O. BOX 1875, DUBLIN 18. Telephone: 858579, Unit 2

**Co. LOUTH.** Ever since **Diamond Radio** put a transmitter on 99.1MHz., in Dublin, the **Boyneside Radio** studio link in Drogheda has been suffering badly. As a result, the station has had to switch to mono operation for the time being, until new, expensive, micro - wave link equipment is obtained in order to overcome the problem. This work should be carried out by the time of printing.

A report from Dundalk tells us that **Hugh Hardy** is going to be transmitting his programmes on **Radio Carousel**, from Dundalk, in future, hence, the 88MHz. transmitter has been shifted there. The frequency has been changed to 87.6MHz., no doubt to avoid interfering with **Telstar Community Radio** nearby, who incidentally have increased power slightly. This move will link the Dundalk programmes to the Carrickcannon frequencies of 1260kHz. and 100.67MHz. While programmes are not being transmitted from Dundalk, both 1125kHz. and 87.6MHz. will relay 100.67MHz., from Carrickcannon!

**Co. CAVAN.** It is reported that some repairs have been carried out on the medium wave transmitter of **Erne Side Radio**, on 1251kHz. On listening during the week, we can confirm this, as the signal received was quite excellent. A report from Sweden mentioned another station on 1251kHz., which, although remaining unidentified, mentioned 'the capital' and 'downtown'. The only other two stations on 1251kHz. in Ireland are **Centre Radio** in Clonmel and **Arklow Community Radio** in Co. Wicklow. ??

Erne Side The Best Side In Country Music Radio

# Erne Side Radio

**on 240m MW 1251 kHz**

**Stereo 107 FM**

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**Tel.: 049-22123**

**from N.I.: 0014-22123**

**Breifni Regional Radio** were reported to have a strong signal on 96.00MHz., on Monday and Tuesday, but have not been noted since then.

**Co. WESTMEATH.** Problems still seem to be - set **Radio West**. Only minutes into the free radio show this morning, terrible interference was heard on 702kHz. The problem appears to have come from the FM link, possibly picking up other than what it ought to be doing. Station owner, Sean Coyne, therefore, had to dash the several miles to the main AM site and attend to the, luckily only minor, fault, which he duly did. However, by this time, the free radio show slot was past, and the farming programme, which follows, was on. So, once again, due to bad luck, we missed another show. Still with **Radio West**, the carrier heard recently, on 102.5MHz., in the Dublin area, which was for the station's intended, Dublin relay, has now disappeared, and seems to have re - appeared around 97.3MHz.

**CORK.** A brief report from the South, tells us that stalwart,

Jim Lockhart, has re - joined Radio ERL. He was heard filling in for George Talbot two weeks ago, and in the evening, he filled in for James O'Keeffe. It is not known if he is intending being on the air regularly. **WBEN** has lost a couple of presenters, Scott Shannon and Steve Miller. The latter to go to Galway, (maybe to WLS?). **Centre Radio** in Cork now seems to have an address and telephone number. (They may well have had before, but we did not know of it!)...**Centre Radio 101FM, 120 Shandon Street, Cork...Tel. (021) 397980.**  
**Co. TIPPERARY.** On the subject of **Centre Radio**, the one by the same name in Clonmel has recently celebrated one year on the air. Congratulations to them.....

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# CENTRE RADIO



## YEAR OLD

JOIN IN OUR FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FROM THE 13th OF MARCH. LISTEN TO WIN ONE OF OUR MANY BIRTHDAY PRESENTS INCLUDING A TV, HOLIDAYS AND LOTS OF CASH PRIZES!!

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240MW/88FM — SALES (052) 24199

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No reports this week, but surely the weather must be better than that which their counterparts are currently having to endure in the Southern North Sea.

**OFFSHORE.** A Channel 4 film crew were at Walton - On - Naze on Tuesday 24th March, making a programme about the offshore stations of the sixties. According to the crew, the programme will go out some time in August.

We are usually fairly quick off the mark with news, but this time, we are sorry to say, not so, when we report with much regret, the death of Herman de Graaf, on 2nd January 1987, after a short illness. Herman was 38 and was very popular with both Dutch and English listeners to Radio Mi Amigo and Radio Caroline Dutch service in the late 1970's. In fact, we were particular fans of his and were often mentioned on his Breakfast Shows. In recent times, Herman was to be found working in radio in Amsterdam. He was recognised as a first class presenter and will be sadly missed.

**LASER HOT HITS 576.** There isn't a great lot you can report about a station, when it is not on the air, and this station has been off the air since last Wednesday but one (25th March), last heard, in the early evening. In the absence of broadcasts, one can only sit and think about them, and although it is not our policy to print this, feel that, in this case, we ought to..... The station left the air, long before the great storms of last week, suggesting that advanced weather forecasts had warned the captain of same. Possibly, due to the low level of fuel supplies, he has thought that in the event of drifting, which they seem to do each time conditions are stormy, he is going to need the engines to avoid drifting into territorial waters, or even on to the coast. If this was

going to be the case, he would need lots of fuel, and if the levels were low, he was not going to waste it on broadcasting...this is our guess. As it happened, the storm did materialise, was severe, and the ship did drift, in fact one report said it was no longer in the Knock Deep! We understand that they made their way back to their anchorage and the seas eventually calmed down. Still no Laser 576? No fuel arrived, or further damage to the aerial system? (The latter seems unlikely as there was not much left to damage anyway!). This piece was written mid week and further storms have just been forecast for that area, so what next? Our latest information is that the station is poised to come back on the air, as soon as an engineer is available to sort out the transmitter switch - on sequence.

Finally, in this section, the station is back! At around 11:55BST, today, Sunday, we noted a carrier, which had also been noted by another caller, even earlier, at around 10:30. After going off and on quite a lot, tuning notes and other assorted noises, were heard, then, the station came alive at 12:34BST with non - stop music and jingles, which continue at time of printing (Sunday afternoon). The very latest now.....14:00BST, normal programmes resume with Paul Jackson announcing 'a commercial free - Sunday'. On the first up - to - the - hour - news, just before 15:00, the return of Andrew Turner was noted.

**CAROLINE 558.** Despite the storms experienced last week which caused a couple of breaks, Caroline continued on Monday, with the same line-up as the previous two weeks..... 05:00 Mark Matthews. 11:00 Dave James. 13:00 Mark Warner. 17:00 Dave James. 21:00 Tim Shepherd. 01:00 Close down. The long awaited extra member of staff appeared on Tuesday, when Peter Philips returned to host the midmorning show. No other changes were noted on Radio Caroline, during the rest of the week. The lineup has thus read, since Tuesday...05:00 Mark Matthews...09:00 Peter Philips...13:00 Mark Warner...17:00 Dave James...21:00 Tim Shepherd. One other English member of staff has been noted on board the ship. Calling herself, Penny Lane, she has been heard reading the Radio Monique International News, at 15:30BST. It is not known when she arrived on board, or if she has hosted any programmes as yet, but we have certainly not logged any. On 1st April, Mark Matthews decided to not bother with any 'April Fools', as he said that the rest of the media had made it too widely known beforehand, what day it was. Thursday morning saw Mark trying his hand at 'taking off' some of the other presenters, culminating in an Irish accent up to the 07:00 news with Steve Conway, (who is actually from Dublin, we understand). On Friday morning, after another marathon 18 hour sleep, Mark was late for his show, although only by a few minutes. The opening announcement at 05:00, was done by an unknown voice. Mark said later, that it wasn't Peter Chicago, or Mike (the engineer?). Who was it then, we wonder? The station was again announcing 24 hour operation over the weekend, with Steve Conway filling in the slot during the early hours, 01:00 04:00.

Finally, we were not alone when we noticed the voice of Tom Anderson on the Lotto 6/49 numbers, over the weekend. Several others rang in to say the same. It is thought that the seas have been too rough for him, or a tape of him, to have appeared in the latter part of the week, so, perhaps he arrived on board, at the same time as Peter Philips, on Tuesday. As far as we know, there has been no sign of 'Overdrive', as yet.

**LAND BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE.** Station owner, Burt Williams, duly appeared for another two hour show last Sunday, from 15:00 until 17:00 on **Radio Merseywaves**, on 1242kHz. The station continued until the early hours of Tuesday morning, as usual. On it's return, at the new, earlier time of 07:00, on Friday, we were delighted to note that full power had been restored, following a reasonably calm week, weather - wise, on this side of the country. The presenters, who were obviously delighted with the extra listeners they would undoubtedly gain, made frequent mentions to listeners in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Thinking about it, this station must be the only land based pirate, which can get a listenable signal into all four. On Saturday, the station did a live outside broadcast from the Aintree Racecourse, home of the famous Grand National. They seemed to have great fun with this unit, which performed remarkably well, seeing it was the first time it had been attempted. Further O.B.'s are being considered, we understand. On Saturday afternoon, following the race, a new lady presenter was heard. Her name was Kay Morris, and she has replaced

Tara, who recently left the area. Her first programme went down quite well, although she admitted that she was a bit nervous. Finally, Burt Williams has been heard with another of his 'oldies' shows, today, from 15:00 until 17:00.

Other stations logged by us today, were....**Radio Merseyland**, on 1422kHz. and **Liverpool Pirate Radio** on 1404kHz. A very noisy band today, made listening rather unpleasant.

Tim Jackson, in his report on the scene, tells us that **Radio Julie** were logged again, last weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, on 104.8MHz. A new mailing address was given out....RJ, 112 Greenwood Road, Woodchurch, Wirral, Merseyside, L49 8HU. Plans to extend broadcasting hours are rumoured. Also, **Concept Radio** were logged, with a return test transmission on Sunday last, at about 22:00, on 104.3MHz. Tim re - iterates his previous statement that he thinks many stations will make the effort to be on the air for the Easter holiday weekend.

Further 'phoned - in' reports tell us that other stations were also heard.... **Radio Commodore** on 90.3MHz., **Scott FM** on 96.3MHz., **Slag - Off International** on 104.8MHz. and unidentified on 1026kHz.

**MANCHESTER.** **Sunshine FM** was heard locally again, last Sunday 29th, on 92.0MHz., with presenters Richard Thompson and John Lewis. (No, not the real one, who, incidentally tells us that he will be working on Radio Wyvern from Tuesday!).

**YORKSHIRE/HUMBERSIDE.** A report reaching us late last Sunday evening, told us that **Radio Veronica** in Bradford had returned to the airwaves, on 105.5MHz., at 21:30 BST. Reduced power and 70 watts was mentioned, but no reason for the move from 104.9MHz. Meanwhile, correspondence was received from Stephen and Christine, operators of the station. They stated that they will be back on the air, following the close - down the previous Thursday, but of course, as can be seen above, have already made that come - back. The station, we are told, has six presenters, both male and female. Lots of 'pop' music and conversation in between, is the usual 'diet'. Sometimes, after midnight, 'adult' entertainment is featured, although in fairness, listeners do get advanced warning of this. They always have two presenters on each broadcast. Many letters have been received, out of which, numerous quotes are listed. Listeners say that the stereo microphones sound good, especially when two presenters are having a discussion. Stephen, a technical man, has some good suggestions for FM transmissions, and strongly criticises stations which emit spurious and harmonic signals. It may be an idea for any operator with such problems, to drop him a line asking for some assistance and suggestions. The station address, once again, is "Veronica" Heights Bungalow, Heights, Kilpin Hill, Heckmondwike, West Yorkshire WF16 ODE. Further reports, tell us that the station is on the air, once again, on Saturday evening. Yet another frequency, 104.7MHz., was mentioned this time, although some problems were noted at one stage.

**Music City Radio (MCR)** were once again heard each evening, during the past week, on 90.3MHz. They had not been reported heard last week, at the normal times, so perhaps there had been DTI activity in the area. The station are now back in stereo, with a very good signal across Leeds. The music format has diversified from almost total reggae, to include some soul and other similar types of music. Perhaps the lack of programmes from ABC-FM (who used to announce as playing music by black artists only), has given them a wider audience to cover. They are certainly doing well at covering a music format that is very rarely gets airplay in the area.

**Radio Radar** were on the air today, in stereo, on a slightly different frequency of 104.7MHz. They are apparently starting to carry a few promotions for local firms, in today's broadcasts. **Ocean Sound** have again been logged this week, on 106.0MHz. On Saturday evening, a reporter in Leeds told us that despite a week signal, he was able to hear them, and noted that they were doing a phone in. After several attempts, he was unable to contact them, but on returning to the receiver found that they had disappeared, without trace. They did return later on, however. **WLNG** were heard on Tuesday night, in the Scunthorpe area. In the south of the county, **Music Weekend Radio**, can be heard occasionally around the Sheffield area, on 105.5MHz. They broadcast mainly music, apparently with the motto "more music, less chat".

**GLASGOW.** **Neon Radio** are reported to be on the air each evening for several hours, on a frequency between 97.5 and 98.2MHz. Their current power is very low, but they hope to increase this shortly. **Radio Mercury**, who should have been on the air today, were not logged at the time of printing.

**THE MIDLANDS.** **Radio PCRL** have been noted on several days during the week, on the usual frequency around 103.5MHz. Last Sunday evening, **UK Radio** were heard on 105.0MHz.

**LONDON AREA.** Sid from South London, once again sends us his extensive weekend log, for which we thank him, and note that the following stations were missed by our loggers last weekend, no doubt due to different locations, rather than their inability, we must add.....Unidentified Asian station, on 90.95MHz., all weekend..... Unidentified station on 91.8MHz., on Friday only..... Unidentified station on 103.3MHz., on Friday and Sunday..... **South West Sound** on 104.2MHz., on Saturday and Sunday..... **Radio Gemini** on 104.3MHz., on Friday and Sunday. These were, of course, in addition to the list we printed in last week's issue. Some comments from Sid, who says that of the two stations on the exact frequency of 90.2MHz., **Rock to Rock** and **RFM**, the former can now only be received in it's immediate transmission area of South West London, due to the latter's increase in power, since going stereo. He said it was noticeable last week, how all the minor stations seemed to have increased power quite considerably. Missing, last week, were **Network 21**, **Southside Sound** ( a great 50's rock and roll/r'n'b station), **Confidence Int.** and **Radio Viking**.

So far this weekend, we have reports of **Community Dev. Radio**, on 88.6MHz., **RJR**, on 90.0MHz., **RFM**, on 90.2MHz., **TKO**, on 90.6MHz., **SKY**, on 91.6MHz., **LWR**, on 92.1MHz., **Solar FM**, on 93.0MHz., **Kiss**

**FM**, on 93.8MHz., **Time FM**, on 103.7MHz. Earlier in the week, **Network 21** were heard on 92.8MHz. **Radio Shoestring**, who have not been logged for a long time, were noted on 91.8MHz, on Tuesday night. Reports indicate that there were no Greek stations or **JBC** heard today. Does this mean the DTI have been active in North London? An unidentified station, playing reggae, was heard in the early hours of today, on 105.6MHz. The station had, however, disappeared by later in the morning.

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND.** A station called **Freedom FM** was logged on 90.9MHz., on 1st March, with a test broadcast to the Colchester area. During the broadcast, a **Phoenix 105** was mentioned, but this was not received at all. **Freedom FM** was also logged on 14th March (Saturday), with a morning broadcast. On 18th March (Wednesday), an unidentified station was noted on 87.85MHz., at lunchtime, playing hip - hop/rap music. This station was again logged on 25th March with a weaker signal. Our thanks to Stuart for that info.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** **Radio Veronica 105.3MHz.** This station was raided on Sunday evening, 15th March, after only 25 minutes on the air! The two FM transmitters (the second was on 91MHz.) were quickly packed away and the subsequent loss to the adversary was just two aerial systems. **Veronica** returned to the air on Monday evening, 30th March, from 20:00 until 23:00, on 91.0 and 105.3MHz., and 1611kHz. No DTI activity was noted on this occasion. The station address....RV, P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex. **Radio Atlantis 105.0MHz.** returned to the airwaves, on Sunday 29th March last, at 19:00, but the 80 watt rig blew up after just five minutes on the air. They hope to resume weekly broadcasts to East Sussex during April.

**"Reel to Reel Radio" 105.3MHz.** has just started broadcasting on Sunday evenings, from 19:00, to the Ashford area of Kent. No contact address has been heard. The power is believed to be in the region of 25 watts.

**Radio Sovereign 105MHz.** has no future plans to return (see cuttings). Finally, operators in this area must keep a watch out for the "CB Licence Dodgers Van", who will doubtless be anxious to seize other 'items' or personnel!

Eastbourne Gazette.....1st April 1987.

## New purge to trace CB licence dodgers

**A CRACKDOWN** on CB licence evaders in East Sussex has been announced by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Over the next few weeks vans fitted with special monitoring equipment will tour the county, checking that CB users are licensed and operating legally.



**DEPARTMENT** of Trade and Industry vans such as the one pictured here will be on the look-out for licence dodgers.

### Risk

Offenders risk a maximum fine of £2,000 or a three month prison sentence. The licences cost £10.

The vans, manned by the DTI's radio investigation service, will also be looking for illegal radio and broadcasting equipment.

### SHORT WAVE STATIONS....Today's log.....

6206kHz....**POGO 104**, at 09:50gmt.  
6206kHz....**RADIO SCORPIO**, at 09:52gmt.  
6225kHz....**RADIO PAMELA**, at 10:06gmt.  
6230kHz....**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 12:04gmt.  
6235kHz....**SUD WEST RADIO**, at 09:19gmt.  
6240kHz....**RADIO RAINBOW INT.**, at 09:59gmt.  
6240kHz....**RADIO JEOPARDY**, at 12:21gmt. (QSO).  
6267kHz....**RADIO ORION**, at 08:23gmt.  
6267kHz....**SPECTRUM**, at 11:36 & 12:21gmt.  
6280kHz....**RADIO TUTENCHAMUN**, at 08:31gmt.  
6280kHz....**RADIO MANU (?)**, at 09:17gmt.  
6280kHz....**RADIO JOYSTICK**, at 09:40gmt.  
6280kHz....**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 12:10gmt.  
6285kHz....**W.L.R.**, at 12:28gmt.  
6290kHz....**RADIO APOLLO**, at 11:30gmt.  
6290kHz....**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 12:08gmt.  
6315kHz....**UNID.**, (Wuppertal address), at 10:33gmt.  
6910kHz....**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 11:39gmt.

Conditions today were very poor indeed. Once again, we only logged one Irish station, here. Logs in **BOLD** are ours, others were kindly rung in by loggers in the Midlands, Surrey, Scotland and Yorkshire.

Amendments to last week's log from Podney R. Sixe....Actually, we missed one station out altogether!.... 6230kHz., **Britain Radio Int.**, at 09:27gmt. Our two unidentified stations, both tentatively listed, were confirmed, plus **Radio Kristel Int.** was logged on 6290kHz., at 09:39gmt. and **Spectrum**, on 6300kHz., at 10:50gmt., in addition.

CAROLINE RADIO CLUB  
'OFFSHORE' MAGAZINE  
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(stuur voor info antwoordregelen  
voor proefnummer 4 IRC's + eigen  
naam en adres)

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Please feel free to make use of our new service, **Anoraks U.K. Info - Line**, on (0795) 510764. The line is open all day every day, with up - dates at very regular intervals. Further news and information may be left on the tape at the end of the message. We may use this news on further tapes, also within the pages of this publication, but please do state if you do not want your name mentioning along with it. No enquiries about subscriptions or merchandise must be left on this line, as they will not be dealt with at all. This service is not intended to compete with other such services, but to compliment same, making available much more information to those who wish to be 'in the know' at an early date, and with that in mind, here are those other info line numbers.... Chris Wheeler's Info - Line, (07372) 23121..... <<TX>> Magazine Info - Line, (01) 400 8282..... Now Radio Info - Line (14:00 Sat., until 09:00 Mon.), (0536) 514437.

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**NEW MERCHANDISE.** New **Laser 576kHz.**

**\*\*Hot Hits\*\*** stickers are now available. The size is 20" x 4", which is quite large, and they are the non - adhesive, inside plastic type, with blue writing on a white background. The price for these excellent, CM produced items....85p each, or 4 for £3.00, or 10 for £7.00..... We are pleased to say that we have once again, managed to obtain a further few copies of the well - known RNI theme tune (also played on many free radio shows, including Radio Rainbow), **'Man of Action' by the Les Reed Orchestra**. This 7" single is on the continental 'BR' label and is, of course, brand new. Price is £5.00.

With Summer just around the corner (!), T - Shirts will be in demand. Currently in stock, we have, Caroline 576/963, Laser 558 and Monique (white, black and yellow respectively). The price remains at £5.00 and sizes available are medium, large and extra large. Of course, pessimists can opt out for a sweat - shirt, and we can still offer Laser 558 ones for a bargain price of £9.00, in the above sizes.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** The latest issue of **Now Radio**, No. 24, is currently available. To obtain your copy, send £1 to... P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 ONW. This fortnightly A5 magazine has 28 pages in the present issue, covering all aspects of sound broadcasting.... The latest issue of **Radiotelex**, No. 96 arrived early week. 4 pages of A5, full of the previous two weekends logs on short wave, plus brief reports and QSL information. We can supply a sample copy for just 40p, along with a subscription form which will enable further issues to be obtained direct..... **PLAY - DX**, Issues 455 & 456, arrived together, each has six x A4 pages of logs and information in Italian, details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158, Milano, Italy..... The final item to arrive was **Media Monitor**, Issue 49, with 20 x A5 pages of news and information of general interest,

but with some emphasis on the London land based scene. Details from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA...Tel: (01) 833 0978.

Finally, although never mentioned in this column, we do receive a number of deejay magazines, regularly, including 'Jocks', 'Disco Mirror' and 'News Flash' (from the North West D.J. Ass.). Whilst these magazines are read and appreciated, we feel that they cannot be mentioned above, due to the fact that hardly any free radio news is contained therein. Should this change, we would not hesitate to include them above.

**TAPE OFFER.** This week, we offer two unusual English land based stations. Tape 41 features, from Bristol, **"103.5 FM"**, with a stereo recording from last Sunday. Tape 42 features a new station in Manchester, calling itself **"Sunshine FM"**. This recording was their first official programme, a couple of weeks ago. The price, as always, £2.00 per tape.

**AMERICAN DREAM RE-LAUNCHED.** The 'resting' editor of Free Radio Waves Magazine, wishes to make available to you, through A-UK the excellent series of American air-checked tapes which were originally advertised in his magazine. Rather than release the full catalogue in one go, we have decided to issue them at the rate of one per week. This week, Tape A1X, **"The New York Experience"**, features a selection of air-checks of stations in this city. Price is £3.50 for this C-90 cassette. A detailed list of the contents of this series of tapes, is available on request.

**CONTACTS GALORE.** Bob in Scotland would like to contact a subscriber in the Crawley/Reigate area. Bob can be contacted after 18:00 daily, or weekends, on (041) 812 7570.

**WANTED.** 'Kinda Kinky' by Ray McVay.... 'Country Line Special' by Cyril Davies.... 'Joy' by Apollo 100..... 'Ook Goeie Morgen Theme' (Veronica/Mi Amigo). Records or tape recordings

will do....contact, Mr A. Szeroki on (0226) 293257.

**WANTED.** Circuit diagrams for short wave transmitters, with output powers of between 25 and 50 watts, for use on mobile work, ie. running from a car battery. Also wanted, FM circuits of the same power. Anyone able to supply same, please write with details, price, etc., to...R.D. 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NG.

**WANTED.** Good quality recordings of 'Bee Bop Gold' (Sunshine), KLAS and Heartbeat, also, I wish to contact two Irish Anoraks that I met briefly, at WLCB on Sunday afternoon, 29th March. One had a call - sign, maybe EI8AAC.....Dave Thorpe, 44 Townfield Road, Flitwick Beds.

**WANTED.** Due to DTI harassment, three or four people are needed to assist with security and also to present some programmes on Veronica, in Bradford. If you can help keep this station on the air, contact Stephen and Christine, Heights Bungalow, Heights, Kilpin Hill, Heckmondwyke, West Yorks, WF16 ODE.

**FOR SALE.** FM Transmitter, 25 watts output power, fitted with pre - emphasis for hi - fi audio capability. This TX has been used by ABC Radio in Eastbourne. Price, £75.00. For further details, telephone (0323) 767095, after 18:30, or write to SDR (Dept. TX), P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex. (Please note: It is illegal to operate a transmitter in the U.K., without a Wireless Telegraphy Licence).

**GENERAL.** Many thanks as always, for news reports, logs, tapes, cuttings, stickers, theme tune info and other useful items, once again, received this week. We keep saying this, but without these things, "WR" would be nothing like it is, at present.

The Hertfordshire Branch of the Caroline Movement meets once a month at the Anchor Pub in Hitchin, Herts., and welcomes new members. Their interest is in radio in general, not just the offshore stations....For further details, contact Julian Wellings on (0582) 425459 or Kevin Hammond on (0763) 72948.

Still with CM, the forthcoming convention on Saturday 15th August looks set to be a great success. To be held in the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel in Coram Street, Central London, the venue is very close to Euston station and easily accessible for travellers arriving from various places, but do please remember that Central London means high prices, so be ready to pay out extra for car parking, accomodation, food, drinks and possibly entry into the convention. Send off as soon as possible, an SAE to the CM Movement, requesting convention details. Their address is The Caroline Movement, BCM - BRFM, London WC1N 3XX.

A massive amount of Theme Tune information is now at hand. One or two people have spent a lot of time and effort to help us make this list very comprehensive, for which we thank them sincerely. Their efforts will be rewarded in about ten/fourteen days, once we have had time to evaluate the mass and transfer it to 'the screen'. One of our Belgian colleagues, who is a very big collector of records, is having a field day finding many of these tunes, and sending them to us, hence, we have a number for sale, on single mostly, but occasionally on an L.P. If anyone is so interested in a particular tune on the list, drop us a line, and ask to have your name put on file until such time that we may have a copy for sale. The price of these continental records works out at about £5.00 each for a new one. The reason for this high price....the initial cost of the disc, postage to the U.K., customs duty and/or VAT, postage to the customer and of course, the poor exchange rate nearly always encountered. Our colleague in France also has a number of theme tunes etc., for sale, and often has a list to send out. Drop him a line, enclosing an IRC, requesting same.....Francois L'hote, Le Hamel Vittefleure, F - 76450 Cany, France.

**RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.** **DUBLIN.** On Energy 103, a new news reader has been engaged and noted recently. Sounding very much like Sybil Fennell, her name is Fenula Sweeney. Gareth O'Callaghan is away for a break this week and his place has been taken by Colm Hayes at 06:00 each morning. Following him at 10:00, has been Alan Burns, Tony McKenzie at 14:00 and John O'Hara at 19:00. Lots of adverts, even more giveaways and lots of little special features included in everyone's shows.

**Q 102** have been heard advertising 'The Q 102 Roadshow', with appearances in the town, and featuring many of the station's presenters. Mike Hogan was speaking from his sick bed, on Friday in a three way conversation along with Scott Williams and the 'Eye in the Sky'. He was

complaining of being rudely awoken earlier, by the noise of the helicopter, hovering above his house.

As mentioned last week, **Phoenix Radio** have returned on 107MHz.FM, in stereo. They broadcast with 300 watts of power, from Foxrock in South County Dublin, as 'Your South Dublin Station', from 07:00 until midnight, daily. They are currently asking for listeners to write in to them with their three favourite tunes, to be included in the 'All Time Top 107', to be broadcast on Easter Monday. The station telephone number is (01) 858579.

**Stillorgan Community Radio (SCR)** are currently broadcasting on 106.6MHz.FM, mono, from about mid-day to midnight, daily, although times do tend to vary a little.

A report on today's Radio Rainbow free radio show, tells us that **Smile FM** have been carrying out tests on 107.1kHz. The report also mentioned problems, but as yet, we have not noted anything at all, here.

**Co. KILDARE.** Word from Naas, tells us that **Zee 104** are still belting away on 96.1 and 104.2MHz., in fact, were picked up recently, as far away as Mullingar. On 1st April, Zee went on to the streets of Naas, asking people "did anything exciting happen to them?" The results were apparently hilarious. Presenters on the streets, were Gary Noone, Paul Stafford (formerly Chris Doran) and Jeff Richards. A new Citronic mixer has been installed at the studios, much to the delight of the deejays. The station had an 'all request oldies weekend', running from 22:00 on Saturday 28th March until midnight on the Sunday. The response was very favourable it appears, as it seems the 'hip' thing to do at present, playing oldies at weekends, that is.

**Co. LOUTH.** **Boyneside Radio** continue to be relayed on 115.2kHz.AM. As this appears to be an unofficial relay, the source is unceratin. One possibility is **Glenside Radio** in Co. Wicklow, who have been known to relay the station in the past. No other programming has been noted as yet.

**Radio Carousel** were noted with separate programmes on 1125 and 1260kHz., on Sunday 29th March. It is believed that they were special Mother's Day shows. No regular separate programmes have started as yet.

**Co. WESTMEATH.** **Midway Radio** have not been heard since last weekend, on 149.4kHz. Rumours mentioned a new aerial system and a new frequency of 99.9kHz., although our reporter in the Midlands tells us that he has so far heard nothing on either channel, by mid week. Obviously with Red Rose on 99.9kHz., 'down the road', we have no further chance of logging this station, if this is the case.

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**Co. CAVAN.** An increase in power was noted on **Cavan Community Radio's** 819kHz. outlet. At this location, CCR could be heard clearly underneath the very strong signal of Q 102. Heavy promotion is being given to the current 'Magic Password' competition.

**Breffni Community Radio**, we are told, recently carried out some tests on 96.0Mhz., from Arkill mountain, using 250 watts. This was reported in last week's issue. It was only in operation for a few days, and is now being used by **North West Community Radio**, from Buncrana, Co. Donegal. **Co. LONGFORD.** **Independent Radio Longford**, on 864kHz., were noted off the air, during the week, and from what we can gather, listening to a couple of Irish free radio shows, the transmitter was stolen on 4th April. However, the signal is back on, but we are reliably told that this is a stand-by transmitter only. The station is interested to hear from anyone who can throw some light on this missing 1 kw item.

**Co. MONAGHAN.** A mystery about **Big 'M' Community Radio** prevails. On listening on Friday, here, we noted separate programmes on 954kHz. and 1413kHz. Both transmissions announced Big 'M', in fact one specifically asked listeners to try and re-tune their radios to the FM service, which, of course, we were unable to do, at this distance. We understand though, that 99.0MHz. was carrying the same programmes as 1413kHz. The 105.0MHz. was off at the time.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No further reports as yet, although we understand from Now Radio, that Alan Fraser from the Midlands has arrived for a stint on board.

**CAROLINE.** The only change which occurred during the week, was the return to the air of Tom Anderson in the early hours, between 01:00 and 02:00. Tom also read out the Lotto 649 winning numbers once again this week. This gave the line-up as....05:00 Mark Matthews...09:00 Peter Philips...13:00 Mark Warner...17:00 Dave James...21:00 Tim Shepherd...01:00 Tom Anderson...02:00 Closedown. The long awaited 'advanced Dutch lessons', finally appeared on the air due to popular demand, during the breakfast show on Monday 6th April. Ad Roberts is thought to have been the 'teacher' once again. Mark Matthews introduced the first one, in a series of 5, at 07:45BST, and it turned out to be a very useful phrase indeed, 'A sail has just fallen off your windmill!' The lessons lasted until Friday, and will not be continued in the coming week. Also on Monday, Mark said that Peter Philips has told him, that he might require a 'kick start', in order to get up in time for his programme. However, he appeared on time at 09:00, and apparently didn't require any 'rear end assistance', after all. On Saturday afternoon, April 11th, at about 16:40, Peter Philips played the cartridge which should have given us Lotto 649 prize details. However the cart had been sabotaged, and a rather silly version put in its place, which was read by Tom Anderson, with one word in it, being 'bleeped' out. Later in the afternoon during the first part of Dave James' show, he mentioned that they had a new batch of beer, ready, but didn't want to call it GBH. Instead, he suggested that they might rename it 'Chateaux Anorak'. At 18:50, 'waiter' Ad Roberts appeared with the first sample of the successor to GBH, as brewed by Mark Warner. A live on-air taste of the new brew, by Dave James, suggested that it was a bit too sweet. Having said that, it had apparently only been bottled the night before, so they were a bit premature in sampling it! News Reader, Steve Conway was heard during Saturday night/Sunday morning and not Tom Anderson as we expected.

**LASER HOT HITS 576.** The station returned to the air last Sunday when we had almost finished writing last week's report. They carried on through until 20:00BST, and sign off. On Monday, Brandy Lee made a surprise re-appearance on the breakfast show, as she had only been on shore leave for a short time. After a brief chat with Andrew Turner about the stations return at 08:00, she continued with the show until 10:00. These little chats continued at this time all week, and included Andrew attempting to repeat tongue twisting phrases, very fast. Paul Jackson then sat in the 'hot seat' until 15:00, when D.L. Bogart came in to finish off the days programming. D.L. Bogart was heard jokingly mentioning that they had been down to the Mediterranean, to get a sun tan. Presumably, he was referring to the fact that they had been sailing about during the storms in the previous week. D.L. continued through until sign off, at 20:00BST. There certainly does seem to be a lack of staff on board the m.v. Communicator at the moment, and we wonder about Messrs Perry and Reid. John Allen and John

Anthony had been on board for several weeks, and were due for shore leave anyway. Bill Reid presented very few shows, not only due to him being on board only a few weeks, but also because the station was off air for a considerable number of mornings.

The number of commercials heard in the week, has certainly reduced, although at least new ones did appear. One of the first was for a product to stop yourself smoking. This could be obtained from Laser Offer M.O. Division, P.O. Box 171, London E11. Some previous commercials for Mansion Home Furnishings, in Clacton, and a computer software firm, were also still being aired, and as the week progressed more of the older commercials began to be aired.

Unusual programming was noted around 19:00 on Wednesday, with what could be classed as 'a loud-mouthed deejay'. It turned out to be a new programme, recently advertised in Music Week.....

... **Radio Laser** is starting an indies slot, **The Garage Goodies Radio Show**, from April 1. Price for having your single plugged on the hour-long programme is £65 a go.

This new programme started about a half hour earlier than advertised, at 18:30 and lasted until 19:35. It sounded like an American deejay on an American station, with crazy humour and music.

The station left the air today, at 12:40BST, following an announcement by Paul Jackson...He said that due to heavy seas and a turning tide, they would be leaving the air and would be back as soon as possible. At the time of writing, they are still off the air.

**LAND BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE.** We understand that **Radio Julie** came on the air at about 08:00 on Friday morning, on 104.8MHz. They had planned to remain on air until 08:00 on Monday morning. However, DTI presence was spotted by eagle-eyed **Radio Merseywaves** security, on Friday afternoon, and this information was quickly passed on to Radio Julie, who decided to temporarily suspend transmissions. The station's operators then acted as extra security for Merseywaves who decided to stay on the air, come what may. It is quite encouraging to see such co-operation between rival stations, against the adversary, the DTI.

Radio Merseywaves, in the meantime, completed their previous weekend schedule, closing down in the early hours of Tuesday morning. They returned with non-stop music, at about 18:00 on Thursday. This format continued until 07:00 on Friday when Dave Collins took over for his celebrated Breakfast Show. The station has remained on the air, for a second weekend, non-stop, right through the night. On Saturday, a second 'outside broadcast' took place, this time, from Wallasey Promenade, where car trials were apparently taking place. Some problems were encountered initially, but in true Merseywaves style, these were overcome and the 'OB' went ahead. The station was not content to simply relay 'links' from the 'OB' site, but went 'the full hog' and equipped with generator (which could be heard purring away on links), played the music 'live' from the location. Despite rough weather, the 'OB' was described as successful. Many 'gigs' have once again been mentioned on air, featuring of course, Merseywaves deejays, and these included something special for the 'under 18's'. A local night-club actually in the city centre, has opened its doors, each Saturday afternoon (until 20:00) and for an admission charge of just 50p, has allowed the local youngsters to sample a real night-club of their own. Of course, Merseywaves deejays are in attendance, hence all the publicity. Heard today, yet again, was station owner, Burt Williams, from 15:00 until 17:00, although he mentioned one or two problems with security at the start of his show.

Also logged at this location today, **Liverpool Pirate Radio**, on 1404kHz. and **Radio Merseyland**, on 1422kHz. The latter having a slightly better signal than last week.

In his report on the local scene for last week, Tim Jackson tells us that he heard **Concept Radio** on 104.3MHz., on Sunday, and **Slag - Off International** on 104.8/105.3MHz., the latter, at times, deliberately jamming Radio Julie's transmissions.

We are told that the pending Radio Julie court case was once again adjourned to a later date. KDA Radio's court case is set for 24th April.

**GLASGOW.** **Neon Radio** have been noted nightly in the week, on a frequency between 97.5 and 98.2MHz. Radio Mercury have once again failed to appear, however.

**BELFAST.** **B - 96** were heard late last Sunday night, after 22:30BST., on 96.85MHz.

**YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE, DERBYSHIRE.** A Press Release from Radio Nemesis reads.....Radio Nemesis, the independent music radio station for North East Derbyshire, will begin test transmissions shortly. The frequency will be 106MHz....You will easily recognise it, as it will be the highest station on the band playing music, and there are no stations adjacent. Power will be 35 watts, enough to cover a substantial area. The format will be mostly music, old and new and chat will be kept to a minimum. Charities and other organisations of interest will be able to advertise free of charge. Broadcasts will take place on Sunday afternoons, from 14:00 till 16:00, and will commence, hopefully, on Sunday 28th June, although a test broadcast is planned beforehand. Reception reports initially, can be sent to A - UK.

**WLNG** were reported to be on the air, on 104.95MHz., on Tuesday last, from 21:00 onwards, and again on Thursday, with a clean signal. The output is thought to be pre-recorded.

**Ocean Sound**, on 106MHz. from Rotherham, South Yorkshire, continue to put out excellent programmes on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The presenter claims his news and road reports are provided by Radio Hallam and the A.A., over the phone!

**Radio Radar**, on 104.7MHz., from near Leeds, continue with Sundays only broadcasts. They say that they may go mobile, as some of their staff are concerned about DTI presence.

**MCR**, on 90.3MHz., from Leeds, put an excellent signal into Bradford, we are told, but are thought to move around a lot, as the signal strength seems to vary from day to day.

**Veronica**, on 104.9, 105 and 105.5MHz., from Bradford, were last heard on Sunday 5th April, but due to DTI activity noted in the vicinity, have decided to lie low for a short while.

**THE SOUTH COAST. Radio Veronica 105.3MHz.** The station had a narrow escape last week but one, following their 3 hour AM/FM broadcast. When the staff returned to the AM site to collect the transmitter, at around 01:00, they aroused the suspicions of some people living close to the site, and the police were called. After explaining that the equipment was only CB gear, they were happy to let the operators go!

**Southdown Radio (SDR).** After tests on 105.6MHz., the station has now started regular broadcasts on Monday evenings, on the new frequency of 97.8MHz. Broadcast times are from 20:00 until 22:00. Mailing address is SDR, P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

**THE SOUTH EAST.** In the Benfleet area, a new station called **Radio Hot Wire** made successful test transmissions on 105.8MHz., last Sunday, between 15:00 and 17:00. The station was expected to broadcast again today, although at time of printing, no reports of such are at hand. At 22:00 on Saturday, **Sunshine FM** were reported locally, on 90.7MHz. They announced that they had been on since 18:00 and went on to say that they would be on seven days a week, in about three weeks time. Paul Fisher was the deejay and pop music was the format.

**THE MIDLANDS. PCRL** were noted off the air, during the early part of the week. They have been heard since Thursday, on a frequency between 103.4 and 103.6MHz. Last Sunday night (5th April), **UK Radio** were heard on 105.3MHz.

**THE LONDON AREA.** Following last weekend's raids, it did not take long for some of the stations to get back on the air. Noted back on Monday, were **RJR, Time FM, JBC, TKO, LWR** and **LGR**. Also noted on Monday, **Horizon Radio** on 94.6MHz. Noted today in that area.... **CDR**, on 88.6MHz., **TKO**, on 90.6MHz., **LWR**, on 92.0MHz., **Solar**, on 93.0MHz., **Kiss FM**, on 93.9MHz., **Time FM**, on 103.7MHz., **JBC**, on 104.7MHz. and **LGR**, on 105.0MHz. In addition, another Greek station has been heard on 105.3MHz, and an unidentified station playing non-stop jazz/soul has been logged all week on 105.6MHz.

**BRISTOL. 103.5MHz.FM** was noted last Sunday with the following programmes.... 18:00 Relay of the network chart, with Baldrik and Lord Meltewt chatting over 'Fluff' Freeman. 19:00 Baldrik and Lord Meltewt (announcing a new studio). 21:00 Andy Chapman with 'Skyrock'. 22:00 'Baldrik's Kebab House' 23:04 Close down. The signal was quite strong and they were heard in excellent quality stereo as far away as Keynsham.

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS....Today's log.....**

3817kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 13:13gmt.  
6206kHz...**RADIO DELMARE**, at 08:58gmt.  
6206kHz...**RADIO LIMIT INT.**, at 09:45gmt.  
6206kHz...**RADIO PRIVAAT**, at 11:37gmt.  
6206kHz...**RADIO BRASILIA**, at 12:35gmt.  
6217kHz...**UNID.**, at 09:33gmt.  
6218kHz...**PREMIER RADIO INT.**, at 10:52gmt.  
6232kHz...**BRITAIN RADIO INT.**, at 11:58gmt.  
6233kHz...**4FWS**, at 09:06gmt.  
6235kHz...**RADIO DUTCHBOY**, at 09:59gmt.  
6240kHz...**RADIO RAINBOW INT.**, at 10:35gmt.  
6240kHz...**SUNRISE RADIO**, at 12:05gmt.  
6267kHz...**4FWS**, at 08:41gmt.  
6267kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 09:18gmt.  
6275kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 09:55gmt.  
6275kHz...**RADIO RAINBOW GERMANY**, at 12:00gmt.  
6280kHz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 09:40gmt.  
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 10:40gmt.  
6290kHz...**RADIO 48**, at 11:17gmt.  
6295kHz...**RADIO NOVA (BELGIUM)**, at 09:22gmt.  
6301kHz...**W.F.R.L.**, at 09:25gmt.  
6317kHz...**SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM.**, at 09:50gmt.  
6852kHz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 11:00gmt.  
6910kHz...**WORLD MUSIC RADIO**, at 07:29gmt.  
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 09:26gmt.  
7361kHz...**RADIO 101**, at 09:15gmt.  
7362kHz...**RADIO JESSICA**, at 08:59gmt.  
7361kHz...**SOUTH WEST RADIO**, at 13:22gmt.  
7370kHz...**RADIO AQUARIUS**, at 10:01gmt.

Conditions today were excellent, making a change from recent weeks. Stations in **BOLD** type were logged here in Blackpool. Other logs were kindly rung in on (0253) 882017, by subscribers in the Midlands, South and Scotland.

The unidentified station on 6217kHz, was believed to be Riverside Radio, although at the time of listening they were actually doing a relay of ABC Radio, in Waterford City. Later on, the signal became inaudible due to Premier Radio who were operating on the adjacent channel of 6218kHz.

Radio Rainbow carried their first relay today, following their advertising campaign. The tape being broadcast was an old programme from Sunrise Radio.

Problems occurred on 6280kHz late in the morning, when Westside Radio began their usual weekly broadcast. P.F.B.S. were also using the same channel, resulting in both stations being heard at once, at our location. There was no heterodyne noted here, so both stations must have crystals of the exact same frequency. We were informed, that during the FRC Show, Prince Terry carried a telephone interview with Centre Radio.

WFRL announced that they would also be on the air next Sunday (Easter), along with 'sister' station, Radio Kristel.

Radio Skywave was heard on the much clearer frequency of 6852kHz, this morning. Continuous music was played until 11:00gmt, when a one hour show was then featured. A simultaneous lower power transmission was also announced on 6260kHz, but this was not received here.

Finally this morning, we heard the welcome return of Radio 101, on 7361kHz. The station had been off the air for a long time, apparently due to the remote transmitter switching off, almost immediately after it had been switched on, resulting in only a few seconds of programming being broadcast in recent months. Earlier, on a similar frequency, Radio Jessica was heard, and later in the day a relay of South West Radio was noted.

Amendments to last week's log from Podney, R. Sixe and Stuart Dobson..... Additions to our list... 6206kHz., Radio Delmare, at 08:32 & 16:38gmt... 6206kHz., Radio Brazilia, at 16:20gmt... 6300kHz., 4FWS, at 09:28gmt. Our UNID., on 6315kHz., with the Wuppertal address, turned out to be Radio Huitsilapochtli (!), at 10:33gmt.

It is with much regret that we have to inform everyone that Radio Ireland International have closed down for personal reasons, although we understand that the 'Two Tony's Show' can be heard each Saturday on **North Dublin Community Radio (NDCR)**, on 1008kHz., between 12:30 and 14:00BST. Having said that, the only listeners in Great Britain, able to receive this, without elaborate antenna systems, will be those in South West Scotland and North West Wales, due to an ILR station on 999kHz. This show proved to be extremely popular on RII, and over 100 letters were received saying just this. The station tried something unique, rather than just music, and it worked. Best wishes and every success to the operators.

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# **The WEEKLY**

# **REPORT**

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We hope everyone had a nice Easter and heard lots of interesting things on the radio. As a result, the report is one day late, although we went to press as usual on Sunday, therefore no Monday news/logs are covered. They will of course, appear in next week's issue. Just when we were struggling a bit for news, what happens? Lots! and we end up struggling to fit it all in! Boyneside Radio raided....Sunshine Radio give away £10,000....and lots more....read all about it....

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**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Nothing new this week, but we have had a further delivery of the book, "Rebel Radio" by Hind and Mosco. This book is mainly about land - based pirates in London, but does, in parts, expand to other areas. Recommended. The price, as before, is £4.95 inc. postage and packing.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** **Medium Wave News** from The Medium Wave Circle, Vol. 34, Number 4, dated April 1987, arrived and was found to contain 8 x A4 sides of logs, verifications and news on two recent DX - peditions to Anglesey and the North of Scotland. All enquiries and club info., can be obtained from Harold Emblem, 137a Hampton Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 5DY..... **BRS News**, Issue 4, March 1987, contains 16 x A4 pages of news and logs from the London pirate scene, in diary form, also with 'at a glance' grids. Anyone into this area of broadcasting, should check it out. 90p from BRS, BCM BRS, London WC1N 3XX. (Cheques/P.O.'s payable to A. Gordon)..... **Caroline Movement - Thanet Branch, Newsletter No. 16**....Further information about this active unit, contact Jenny Knight, 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JG.

**TAPE OFFER.** Tape number 43 features one of the great Americans, who may be remembered from Laser 558, his name is Scott Shannon. This tape, is a breakfast show from two weeks ago, and is more commonly referred to as 'The Z Morning Zoo'. The station is located in New York, called WHTZ - FM (Z-100), and this recording is from last Monday but one, 6th April. Tape 44 is again from New York, but dates back to to January, with a Howard Stern Breakfast Show on WXRK - FM. Howard's show is currently being investigated for slander, obsceneties, and other libelous items, by the F.B.I., and as a result, it has been toned down somewhat, since last year. This programme is not for those who like music, as it is almost entirely speech. Both tapes are 90 minutes long, and cost £2.00 each, as normal.

**"THE AMERICAN DREAM".** This week, the reissued tape compliments our own tape offer, with an air - checked recording of Scott Shannon. These were recordings were made last year, and are of excellent quality. Ask for Tape A2X, "The Z Morning Zoo Showtape". Price is £3.50 for this C90 tape.

**GENERAL.** We keep getting numerous reports that people are not receiving their reminders to renew their subscriptions. Every 'run out' subscriber gets one, but they are a bit small, and we think they may be getting left in the envelopes, so, please check your envelope is empty each week.

**Offshore Echo's:** Individual copies of the magazine are despatched from Blackpool. Running subscriptions are despatched from France, as it works out cheaper that way. Offshore Airchecks (The Tape) is despatched from France, and delays can occur on this item, as the order has to be sent to France, then processed and posted back. 21 days should be allowed on this latter item. All money due to Offshore Echo's should be sent to Blackpool, but need not be sent separately from other money sent to A - UK.

Congratulations to Dave Richards and Fiona Jeffries on their recent wedding in Herne Bay, Kent. Both were, of course, Caroline presenters.

**FOR SALE.** 2 x SDH 100 Folded Dipoles, plus matching harness...cost in the region of IR£220, want in the region of IR£150...Tel: Dublin (01 out of the area, 0001 from the U.K.) 503322.

**FOR SALE...** Custom made jingles, promos, adverts, to order, reasonable rates...contact Bob Gallico, 156 Foxrock Park, Foxrock, Dublin 18.

**FOR SALE.** VHF/FM Stereo Broadcast Equipment....contact Veronica Electronics, Heights Bungalow, Heights, Kilpin Hill, Heckmondwike, West Yorks. WF16 ODE. (Please note: It is illegal to operate a transmitter in the U.K., without a Wireless Telegraphy Licence).

**FOR SALE.** 20 watt medium wave transmitter, complete with power supply and in perfect working order. Can be used on medium wave or is suitable with some slight modification, for short wave use. Offers, but would prefer to swap for an FM transmitter, complete with aerial, again, in working order.... Chris Ridley, 66 St. Brigids Place, Sligo, Eire.

**WANTED.** I will pay cash for a copy of a guest show on Magic 103, by Shane McGabhan. The show took place one Saturday in 1985, and ran from 19:00 until mid - night.... contact Kevin Branigan, 78 Merville Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

**SERVICES AVAILABLE.** Anorak engineer, Howard Bell, offers help, advice etc., on land based type rigs, will even build one...For further details, contact Howard at c/o 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

**D.J.'s WANTED** for a new Irish 'Hit Music' Radio Station. Both Irish and English staff are required with previous broadcast experience, including news - reading and production skills. Send full C.V. to Dept. A, P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE, England.

**RADIO STATION NEWS.....** With a spell of high barometric pressure these last few days, FM conditions have taken a turn for the better, and a trip to our favourite spot (15 miles inland from Blackpool, 600 feet above sea level) last Sunday, yielded virtually every Dublin FM station, including the smaller, low power ones, on a portable radio, with no external antenna. The super pirates were fairly blasting in, in excellent stereo. Back at home, mid week, with the aerial facing South, a couple of French pirates were noted, on 104.7 and 106.5MHz., the latter apparently a near east sounding, station, possibly Turkish, but no doubt coming from France. So, dust down the FM receivers and give the band a whirl, particularly if you plan a trip to a high vantage point. Subscriber, Stuart, from Staffordshire, writes and tells us a similar story of a very recent trip to Wales, where he was able to log several of the Dublin pirates on a pocket portable!

Colleague, Kevin, from Dublin has kindly done a band - scan and his results are as follows.... 89.6, Radio Jackie(\*).... 90.2, C.C. Radio(\*).... 91.8, Tallaght Community Radio(\*).... 93.9, Capitol Radio(\*).... 94.8, UNID. but often relays one of the big three(\*).... 95.5, Heartbeat.... 95.8, Capitol.... 97.8, B.L.B.(\*).... 98.1, Ranelagh Community Radio.... 98.5, KLAS.... 99.1, Diamond Radio.... 99.5, Treble T.R.... 100.0, North Dublin C.R.... 100.5, Sunshine Radio.... 100.1, Sunshine Radio.... 101.5, Sunshine Radio.... 102.1. Q 102.... 103.0, Energy 103.... 103.5, Q 102.... 104.0, and 104.3,

Liberties Local C. Radio..... 104.65, Heartbeat..... 105.1, Radio Dublin..... 105.5, Boyneside Radio..... 106.0, Diamond Radio..... 106.5, Stillorgan Community Radio(\*)..... 107.0, Phoenix Radio..... 107.95 UNID.(\*). Anyone on a reasonably high spot, on the West coast, should have no problems receiving the majority of the above, on good days. The ones with \*s will be less easy to receive, but additionally, look out for Boyneside Radio on 100.1 and 98.2, Radio West on 93.35 and Zee 103, on 103.3MHz., and others, from outside the greater Dublin area.

**IRELAND. Co. LOUTH.** The shock news this week, comes from this county and Drogheda, in particular. **Boyneside Radio**, with headquarters and studios in the town, for almost ten years, were the subject of a raid..... The incident began on Monday afternoon, last, 13th April, at 17:30BST, when an official of the Post and Telecommunications, accompanied by three Gardai (Police), entered the station's premises, at Donaghy's Mill. The staff were told to close down all transmitters, cease broadcasting at once, and never come back on the air again. The official said that interference was being caused, but when asked to elaborate, refused to comment further. At this point, the station boss, told the official that he refused to close down and put 25 people out of work, and instead, would check the transmitters and if a fault was found, would remove the offending unit. With this, the official seemed satisfied, and left.

The only transmitter which was thought might have caused the alleged interference, was the studio link, on 99.1MHz., as this was the only transmitter situated in a built up area. As a precaution, this was taken out of service and replaced by a known 'clean' transmitter, which had been checked with a scanner, along with all the other transmitters. In the meantime, unofficial contact had been made, between a Boyneside Radio representative and the head official of the Dept. of P & T. It was arranged that the official would check on Wednesday morning (15th), if the alleged interference was still being caused and the station would ring him at 14:30, the same day, to ascertain the result. At 14:07, when the station was just about to make that call to the Department, the 'cavalry' arrived in the form of six Gardai, one detective and two department officials, one of whom was the very same head, with whom they had had the unofficial contact. They arrived with large cutting equipment and although they produced a warrant to confiscate all the equipment, had to be asked first before they would show it. It was 'flushed' in front of station co - owner, Heady Eddie, who was unable to take it all in, and when asked for a copy, the official said they would send one to them at a later date.

At the time of the raid, the station boss was at the Northern service premises on the border and when he asked over the telephone if the officials would wait the 35 minutes or so it would take to drive back to the Drogheda studios, they refused. The boss then telephoned the local newspaper, and within two minutes, they had a reporter and photographer at the scene. Photographs were then taken and one of the Garda took the camera from the NUJ reporter and removed the film. The officials then continued to remove all the equipment in both the main on - air and production studios, as well as the FM transmitter and compressor. They were quite ruthless about this removal and cut all wires, except the mains, with cutters, rather than removing plugs. Following this, the station were asked to switch off all other transmitters and told to never return, otherwise they would be raided again. The officials knew the exact locations of all the other transmitters. When the station boss finally arrived, they travelled to the local Garda station and spent two hours, complaining about the film incident and not being able to examine the warrant. The P & T officials had rushed at high speed, back to Dublin, with all the confiscated equipment.

At 17:30, the owners decided to put the station back on the air, from a secret location, and by 19:30, all the transmitters were back on the air, as normal.

On Thursday, 'watch - dogs' were posted at each transmitter site, and later in the day, two officials were spotted in a field, 100 yards from one of the transmitters. When told they were trespassing, they showed passes and said that they were checking for radio interference. They then left the site and by 17:00 had tracked the station to its new studio location. As a result, at 20:30, the studios were vacated and a loop tape was left on over - night. By Friday morning (17th), normal programmes had resumed from yet another new location and these continued until mid - afternoon, when, as a security precaution, they moved yet again. Programming seems to have been more or less continuous, following the return after the raid, until now.

The officials seemed only to be interested in the FM transmitters being switched off. No mention was ever made of medium wave. The film incident with a local NUJ reporter and photographer, is being taken to the high court.

Further developments are awaited, after the Easter holiday, although, on the Radio West programme, The Anorak Show, Heady Eddie said that the station would keep bouncing back, even if they had to operate from a tape machine and a car battery in the middle of a field.

In the same County, **Radio Carousel** have been noted off 1125kHz., today, although 1260kHz. still seems to be operating as normal.

John in Dundalk tells us that a mystery station has appeared in his area recently. First noted, last Sunday but one, the transmissions were on 97.5MHz., but changed later to 97.8MHz. Album music was played. The station was heard again during the following week, on 97.7, then 106.6MHz. At times, other regular stations were relayed. Raymond, in Dunleer reports hearing a **Tower Radio** in his area on 108MHz, which has now changed down to 98.2MHz. Perhaps these are one and the same station?

**Co. WESTMEATH.** **Radio West** have been received here in Blackpool, several times during the week, on 99.35MHz. This is the first time we have received the station regularly, since they used to use a 1kW transmitter on 102.3MHz. some years ago. That signal used to come in well on the West coast of England. So far, we have not heard **Midway**

**Radio** on its new frequency on 99.9kHz, despite managing to null out **Red Rose Radio**, which is local to us, and also on 99.9kHz. Having said that, it appears that the station is actually on the air, on this new frequency, but on lower power than before.

**DUBLIN.** We are a bit in disgrace, so to speak, this week, and the reason? Well, **Q 102** 'put their money where their mouth was' and beat all the others, and gave away £6,200, the biggest single giveaway to one person, in Ireland, ever. And we missed it!!! But thanks to Bob Gallico, here's what happened...At about 08:10 on Thursday 9th April, Breakfast presenter, Scott Williams played 'the three songs' in a set order. The tenth caller, all of which were taken live on air, was Alan Mooney from Shankill, South County Dublin, a single man, and he was whisked by Metro Cab to the station, where at 09:20, Scott and programme controller, Martin Block, handed over £1,000 in cash and £5,200 in cheque to a bewildered Alan, again, live on air. (See Cuttings No.155 for a picture of the occasion.) Congratulations all round, we say, and sorry for the late report. We really must listen to **Q 102**, "all the time"!

Current week - day presenters....Breakfast, Scott Williams....Mid Morning, Dave Kelly....Afternoon, Greg Gaughran....Evening, Jason Maine.....Over night, Al Dunne, with news readers, Bob Gallico and Anne Cassion.

Frequencies....819kHz.AM, 102.1 and 103.5MHz. stereo FM, locally, and along the extreme West coast of Britain!

Over at **Sunshine 101**, a promo heard this week, told us that 'cash calls' were being increased, in order that the £10,000 may be given away before Easter. People must answer their telephone with 'I listen to the red hot sounds of Sunshine 101'. Promotions heard last year, have been re - recorded, telling us that the 'Big Cahouna' (?) is on its way. This will presumably happen after a final successful 'cash call'. From yet more promotions heard yesterday, (Saturday), we gather that the station is ending the current 'phase' at midnight tonight. We are not sure whether this means, that if no one answers with the correct phrase by midnight, nothing will be given away. Certainly, by listening to some of the calls, it seems like everyone knows what the phrase is, but all seem to say the natural word 'hello', when they answer the telephone.

Sure enough, at lunchtime Sunday, a successful cash call was made by 'Nails' Mahoney. The telephone subscriber, a Patrick O'Toole, from Coolock, Co. Dublin answered his ringing phone with no hesitation, quoting the required slogan. Immediately, following a fanfare, station owner, Robbie Robinson (Dale) and 'Big Guy', the programme controller, joined in on the call and informed an astounded Mr O'Toole that he had won £10,000. Much fuss was made, and several members of their family went live on air. The family was picked up by white Rolls Royce for the presentation, and gifts were made to them, from a nearby trader, namely Kings of Artane.

Following this event, the recording was played back many times, giving others chance to hear it, who may not have been listening at the time. Further promos mentioned 'Phase 4, Broadcasting History coming soon and a £50,000 Giveaway'!

**Energy 103** seem to be shuffling around with their schedule at the moment, with Colm Heyes heard on the breakfast show again, this week. The line - up during the early part of the week appeared to be 06:00 Colm Heyes... 10:00 Alan Burns... 14:00 Tony McKenzie... 19:00 John O'Hara... 00:00 Ernie Gallagher. However Alan Burns was missing from his slot on Good Friday, and his place was taken by Ernie Gallagher. Perhaps these changes are just for the holiday weekend. Where's Gareth? Everyone is asking! Over on news, bulletins are down to just ten hours per day now, with Fenuala Sweeney (note correct spelling!), from 07:00 until 13:00, and Tina Gates, from 14:00 until 19:00. At the weekends, George Long can be heard, from 09:00 until 18:00.

It's birthday time, and who's one then? **Liberties Local Community Radio (LLCR)** celebrate one year continuously on the air, today, Sunday, 19th April. Congratulations to them, and to hard working station owner, Sammy Prendergast. It appears that Tony Allan is no longer to be found at this station, but, lo and behold, Martin King, formerly with Sunshine Radio, is. Martin tells us he is currently not on air, but working behind the scenes.

**Phoenix Radio** now have a £1 Give - away! Like the others, they too, play three certain songs in a row, in a set, advertised order, and the first caller, after this, wins £1, or 200 x half - pennies! The telephone number is Dublin 858579.

Bob Gallico's "Time of my Life" syndicated show, successfully continues to be heard each Monday evening, from 18:00 until 19:00 on **Treble T.R. Radio**. Apparently, the programme has picked up quite a large following now. TTTR can be heard on 945kHz.AM and 99.5MHz.FM. **Co. LONGFORD.** Across in this area, both **Longford Community Radio (LCR)**, on 1071kHz, and **Independent Radio Longford (IRL)**, on 864kHz have been putting in better signals into our location, during the past week. IRL is now received here better, than at any time in the past.

**Co. SLIGO.** Things seem rather quiet in this area, and with West Coast Radio now seeming to have gone for good, this leaves only Westside Radio, on 97.5MHz FM. They have recently changed their name to **Westside Community Radio**. Things may change though, as a recent advert in the Sligo Champion was asking for staff for a new radio station based in the South Donegal area. It seems as though they are also intending to cover Sligo town.....

**Co. DONEGAL.** **North West Community Radio (NWCR)**, have moved channels with one of their outlets. The one on 1134kHz. has been taken off and moved to 1008kHz. A blank carrier was noted recently, followed by parallel programming to the transmissions on 1116kHz., their main channel. Apparently the signal is travelling well at night (after Hilversum close) and Steve in Ipswich tells us he noted it loud and clear on several nights, around midnight. We, too, logged same at this location.

**Co. WATERFORD.** Holidaying Brian Buckley tells us that a quick band - scan yielded **ABC Radio** on 1026kHz.AM and 103.2MHz.FM, **Waterford Local Radio** on 1197kHz. and 88.9MHz., **Community Radio Wexford** on 101.35MHz., **Radio ERI**, on 1305kHz., **Crystal City Sound**, on 1512kHz.

and Community Radio Youghal on 1503kHz. No mention was made of Wexford on AM. The last reports we received of this station, was that they were having AM transmitter problems. It certainly seems that they still are!

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No reports this week.

**LASER 576.** There seems to be very little to report on the station this week. The line - up until Wednesday night continued to be 06:00 Brandy Lee... 10:00 Paul Jackson... 15:00 D.L. Bogart... 20:00 Closedown. The station closed with the theme tune at 20:00 on Wednesday, but when we tuned in on Thursday morning, 576kHz was blank. We understand that the station did not sign on as usual at 06:00. The frequency was silent all day Thursday and Friday, and we first heard them once again on Saturday morning, with a late sign - on, and Brandy Lee hosting the early show, as usual. No comments were heard as to the reason for being off, but it certainly couldn't have been rough weather, as the seas have been rather calm this week and one would have expected work on the aerial system to have commenced, in such calm seas. It appears however, as though a short on the aerial was stopping the transmitter switching on and there was no one technical on board to sort out the problem until Saturday morning. The line-up following the return on Saturday, was unchanged from earlier in the week, so no additional presenters have been brought out recently. A 'commercial free holiday weekend' was being plugged on Saturday. No news reports were noted on Saturday. Reports from D.J.'s recently departing from the Ross Revenge, indicate that the temporary mast at the back of the Communicator, has sustained some damage in the recent storms, and that several stays are broken. The same report says that some wreckage from the front mast is still lying along the deck, resembling 'Meccano'!

A late newspaper cutting, from The Harwich and Manningtree Standard of 16th April, arrived too late for the 'sheet', and may be printed at the end of the report, or in next week's sheet. When are the press going to realise that Laser 558 was not arrested out at sea and towed into port? Everyone knows the ship sailed under her own power, accompanied by a surveillance vessel, then was impounded, once in port.

**CAROLINE 558.** During the breakfast show with Mark Warner, last Sunday (12th April), a couple of rather amusing news bulletins were broadcast at 07:00 and 08:00, with the voices of three presenters using the false names of Moira Anderson, Stanley Matthews and Steve Condom. The news was back as normal at 09:00. This was presumably a final 'fling' for Tom and Steve and signified that changes might occur in programmes the following morning. We awoke on Monday, to find the return of Kevin Turner on breakfast, along with two new voices later in the day. As from Monday, the new line-up read..... 05:00 Kevin Turner, 09:00 Peter Philips, 13:00 A new voice, Mick Williams, 17:00 Mark Matthews, 21:00 Dave James, 01:00 another new voice, Dave Foster. Nothing is known at the time of printing about these two news additions to the long list of Caroline presenters, but several listeners have commented that the voice of Mick Williams, sounds a lot like Andrew Turner, who was reading the news over on the Communicator. Apart from an hour break on Monday night, for maintenance, when Dave James said they were all about to be up to their elbows in engine oil, the station has been 24 hours since the beginning of last weekend. In the absence of a full time news reader, bulletins have been read by Mark Matthews in the mornings and at lunchtime, with Kevin Turner being at the typewriter and microphone in the afternoon. Mark Warner, Tim Shepherd, Steve Conway, Tom Anderson and cook, 'Penny Lane' have now all departed for shore leave. Penny had read the International News, on Radio Monique, as well as preparing culinary delights for the rest of the crew. Tom Anderson was said to have only returned to the ship, in order to sort out the record library. The odd shows he presented during the previous week, were just to fill up his spare time. The studio seemed to be going through a period of darkness these past few days. On Monday during 'drive time', Mark mentioned that it was very dark due to their being no lights in the studio. By Thursday morning, the problem still seemed to have not been rectified, as Kevin said he couldn't read the clock to give the time, due to broken light bulbs. The question we are asking ourselves is, "Did the night shift have to use candles?"

**LAND BASED STATIONS. FOREIGN.** Further news from Portugal tells us that a new station is imminent, to be called Novo 103 (FM). They plan to broadcast mainly in English, but some Portuguese will undoubtedly be heard. The format will be AOR, or a bit like Caroline, which is hardly surprising when you consider that the station is being set up by ex Caroline deejays, John Bennett and Ian Akers, with others possibly joining at a later date. The law in Portugal is very similar to that in Ireland, but as yet, only one English run station, **Solar**, is actually on the air, although a **Radio Lagoa** does broadcast two hours of English programmes each evening from 18:00. Further news on the progress being made will be reported in future issues of "WR".

Word reaches us that Dave Windsor has once again returned to Italy, to resume work on **Riviera 104**. We hope to offer a tape of this station shortly.

**MERSEYSIDE.** **Radio Merseywaves** were noted on the air at an early hour last Monday, on 1242kHz., no doubt, they had been on once again, right through the night. Despite DTI presence and some security problems, the station experienced no interruptions to normal programming all weekend, until about 17:00 on Monday, when, all of a sudden the signal dropped and the deejay could just be heard mentioning problems with the antenna. Any other station would probably have called it a day until the following Friday, when they were due on the air again, but no, RMW got a new aerial up and were heard once again about 20:00, apologising for the three hour break. They then went on with normal shows until the early hours of Tuesday morning.

The station has some fairly basic A4 size posters available. Hopefully, one will be reduced and re - printed in this issue. They are available free of charge, simply send an SAE to RMW (Remember, no

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station names on envelopes!) 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 7UW. The station does have a number of listeners quite far afield, even as far away as Dublin, and they tell us that if any of these people would like to write in to the station, they will get a reply, along with one or two bits and pieces, but please address the letters to a particular deejay, Dave Collins, for example. Alternatively, letters can be sent to us and we will pass them on, but again, address them to Dave Collins, RMW, c/o P.O. Box 539 etc. (No station names here either!). Listening quite extensively, it appears that relatively new deejay, Charlie Pope, is very popular with the listeners. It appears that the station has a dog, no doubt one of the 'guard' type, in view of the situation, possibly a Doberman?, rather than, say a poodle! Numerous listeners have reported this fact to us, although, in fairness, we have not heard it on the air. Heavy promotion is being given to yet another 'Under 18's Night Out', to be held on 4th May at city centre night club, "Snobs Take Two". The station obviously intend to show people the pull they have by holding this event in the city (they are actually some miles outside). They are even putting on buses for the youngsters, there and back.

Back to 'on air' news, though, now.... the station returned to the air on Thursday night, with much higher power for the Easter weekend. However around 01:00 on Saturday morning, they apparently had to switch to the normal transmitter, due to modulation problems with the new unit. An FM outlet was also noted on Friday and Saturday, although this was believed to be simply a relay from the transmitter of Concept Radio, rather than an extra outlet from Radio Merseywaves themselves. The frequency used was 104.3MHz. All night programmes have continued once again over this holiday weekend. Plans are underway for further outside broadcasts, following the success of the two recent ones.

**Radio Julie** returned to the air on Saturday, on their usual FM frequency of 104.8MHz. A changed aerial location meant that they were well audible here in Blackpool, although no doubt the signal was not being received too well in the rest of Merseyside, because of this. The power was also increased for the holiday weekend, to 60 watts, and transmissions were in stereo with very good audio quality. It appeared that the station may have been broadcasting around the clock, for the Easter weekend. The signal on Sunday was even stronger at this location and on a slightly higher frequency of 104.9MHz.

Tim Jackson, in his report on the scene, for last week, tells us that **Slag - Off International** were noted intermittantly, on 104.8MHz. On Sunday last, **Concept Radio** were also logged, on 104.3MHz. and 96.4MHz., although the latter transmission was a relay by a station called **Scott FM**, who were later said to be running their own programmes.

Additionally, heard today, here in Blackpool, **Liverpool Pirate Radio** on 1404kHz. and **Radio Merseyland**, on 1422kHz. The latter were heard broadcasting commercials, home made, rather than 'pinched'.

**MANCHESTER.** It is reported that over the weekend of 2 - 5th April, a **Radio LC.R. (Independent Community Radio)** was on the air from the Moss Side area, on 103.7MHz., announcing 103.5. They are reported to have had a good signal over West Manchester, but only poor to the East. Announcements were made to the effect that the station would be back on air, within the month.

Meanwhile, **Sunshine FM** continue on Saturday evenings, from

20:00 until 23:00, with a community radio format. The signal is now stronger, on 92.1MHz.

**GLASGOW.** Radio Mercury are still off the air with transmitter problems, but **Neon Radio** have been operating each evening throughout the past week. They were also on the air between 13:00 and 14:00 today. A new transmitter of 30 watts, should increase their range considerably, by next Sunday.

**YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE, DERBYSHIRE.** The operator of the shortwave station, Radio Nemesis, has asked us to point out, that his station is not the same as the Radio Nemesis, on FM, whom we printed a press release from, in last weeks report. The shortwave Radio Nemesis, has been in - operative for some time now.

Yet another station in this area, calling itself **Nemesis FM** was heard in the North Derbyshire area on Wednesday 15th April, between 21:45 and 23:21. The frequency was around 105MHz. We are now totally confused!!!!

This morning, a **North Midlands Radio** was noted on 105.5MHz., announcing 104.9MHz., in Derbyshire.

In Leeds, **Music City Radio**, were not heard last weekend, possibly due to DTI presence? This week, they were only logged beginning on Friday night, so it now looks as though they have assumed a weekend only operation.

**Ocean Sound** from Rotherham were logged last weekend (Saturday evening), on 106MHz., with a fair signal, which is quite good, as only 4 watts is the output power, and the receiver was 35 miles away! Since then, they have altered frequency slightly, to 105.6MHz. They were also on air last evening.

**Radio Radar**, from Leeds, as reported in last week's issue, were logged last Sunday, on 104.7MHz., in stereo. Apparently, their studio equipment is quite impressive. They have been heard again, today.

**WLNG** from Scunthorpe, were only heard on Tuesday this week, apparently due to transmitter problems. When the station is on, both the signal and programme content is reported as being good.

Radio Veronica from Bradford are still off the air due to DTI presence, although promise to return as soon as it is possible.

**THE MIDLANDS.** PCRL have been on all week, but with lower power than normal, on 103.7MHz. Also heard today, **UK Radio**, on 105.1MHz. and **Radio Soul City** on 103.4MHz. The latter said they would be on air every Sunday, with extended shows at Bank Holidays.

**LONDON AREA.** Our reporter, Sid, tells us that last weekend, apart from what we reported, the following were heard in his area.... 88.5, UNID. (Greek)..... 89.55, UNID..... 90.2, RTR..... 90.2, RFM..... 90.85, Phase I..... 91.65, Sky..... 92.75, Studio I..... 92.9, UNID..... 97.85, AOR Radio..... 103.3, Elite FM..... 104.3, SW Sound..... 105.4, GCR..... 105.6, UNID..... 105.7, UNID..... 106.25, UNID.(CRS?).

He reports...."Another bumper week, and Easter is yet to come! twenty five stations logged, of which twenty are identified and two, good probables. For me, the new ones are Phase I, Elite FM, Horizon and CRS, all black music stations. AOR Radio was picked up before, on 21st February, with very low power. This weekend, they started the same, but improved greatly over the two days. Incidentally, I've been told that the apparent improvements in signal strengths of some stations may not be down to simply more transmitter power, but better and more efficient use of aerials and sites. This may be why Rock to Rock seemed to be blotting out RFM, except well to the North of the river.

I had a nice letter from RFM. They were saying how they were hoping to go live for six days a week, in the near future. They also said that they went off early on 5th April to avoid the DTI.

Back to this weekend, and Quest FM were experiencing severe problems with what seemed to be severe transmitter clipping, which made most of Friday evening's transmissions barely receivable. Things improved however, by Saturday morning. Phase I came through with a solid rock signal, all weekend, all over South London and North Surrey. Elite FM came through good and strong in North Surrey, and again, with less signal in the West End, although were lost entirely through South London, indicating a possible West London location. They claimed to be live and had a tight professional sound in the lighter black music vein. The Greek stations generally give a station ID in English after their commercials, but after listening to 'breaks' of six and seven and a half minutes a time, I was still unable to identify the 88.5 one, but with that amount of advertising, it is easy to see how they can afford to keep coming back after the large number of raids they seem to attract. The big news/question of the week appears to be whether LWR and TKO have vacated their mountain top lair in the nether regions of Crystal Palace, in favour of the greener plains, adjacent to Battersea Park. They have both apparently done so, on more than one occasion in the past. TKO's signal now blasts through in Battersea, whilst LWR's signal has been up and down over the past few days. They have usually moved back to Crystal Palace within a week or two, on previous 'busts', and maybe this is just a stand - by set up, whilst things cool down and new transmitters and aerials are obtained. The mounting campaign from Radio 3 listeners in the Crystal Palace/Sydenham area, may also mean that they wish to steer clear of too much controversy at this time.....

Network 21 have still not returned, and are sadly missed for their electric approach to music radio. The Clockwork Wireless Co, whose broadcasts last week were certainly worth catching, albeit, more 'poppier' in content than most, made a welcome change of style, but again, did not make it this week".

Stations heard for most of the weekend....RJR, on 89.9.... RTR, on 90.1.... TKO, on 90.5.... LWR, on 92.0.... Solar, on 93.0.... Kiss FM, on 93.9.... LGR, on 105.0MHz. Additionally, Studio I were heard on Saturday, on 92.8MHz. and an unidentified Turkish station, this morning, on 1611kHz.

**THE SOUTH EAST.** Canvey Radio on 93.0MHz. and Radio Hot Wire, on 105.8MHz., were both reported as being on the air in the Benfleet/Canvey area of Essex, last Sunday. Both the above stations

were on the air again, today. **Sunshine FM** has been off now for about six weeks, but hoped to be back over Easter, on 90.8MHz.FM stereo, which indeed, they were, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from around 07:00 until 01:00. In Kent, **Radio Pamela** were heard this afternoon, on 1615kHz.

**SHORT WAVE STATIONS.....Today's log.....**

6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 10:32gmt.

6206kHz...F.R.S. HOLLAND, at 10:46gmt.

6220kHz...RADIO RID, at 09:35gmt.

6221kHz...RADIO 48, at 10:47gmt.

6225kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 08:46gmt.

6232kHz...B.R.I., at 11:07gmt.

6238kHz...UNID., at 10:09gmt.

6240kHz...RADIO DUTCHBOY, at 11:05gmt.

6250kHz...ALTERNATIVE VATICAN RADIO, at 11:35gmt.

6268kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:20gmt.

6270kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 10:19gmt.

6270kHz...RADIO DUCK INT., at 10:32gmt.

6275kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:56gmt.

6280kHz...SATELLITE B/C Co., at 08:00gmt.

6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO, at 10:45gmt.

6285kHz...RADIO APOLLO, at 10:25gmt.

6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:17gmt.

6290kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 11:02gmt.

6290kHz...4FWS, at 12:00gmt.

6294kHz...RADIO NOVA BELGIUM, at 08:19gmt.

6297kHz...RADIO PRIVAAT, at 10:35gmt.

6301kHz...WFRL, at 09:02gmt.

6310kHz...NORTH DUBLIN COMM. RADIO, at 11:06gmt.

6313kHz...RADIO APOLLO, at 11:02gmt.

6330kHz...EUROPE INTERNATIONAL, at 10:50gmt.

6340kHz...UNID., at 10:18gmt.

6525kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:53gmt.

6852kHz...RADIO SOUNDS INT., at 10:53gmt.

6852kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 11:12gmt.

6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 11:10gmt.

7330kHz...ATLANTIQUE 2000 INT., at 08:49gmt.

7361kHz...RADIO 101, at 07:55gmt.

7361kHz...RADIO JESSICA, at 10:55gmt.

7372kHz...RADIO CALDONIA, at 08:41gmt.

7800kHz...ATLANTIQUE 2000 INT., at 08:58gmt.

Conditions today were quite good, although not quite as good as last week. The logs in BOLD type are ours, here in Blackpool, others have been kindly rung in on (0253) 882017, by loggers in Yorkshire and the Midlands.

FRS Holland were noted, but not until quite late on. The Radio Delmare carrier was noted, however, quite early. Radio Rainbow will be possibly off the air until things at Boyneside Radio sort themselves out (see earlier under Irish section). Station operator, Heady Eddie, will no doubt have his work cut out keeping this one on the air, at this critical time. The two Atlantique transmissions were in parallel. The transmitter on 7361kHz., was heard relaying Irish station, Horizon Radio, from Co. Kerry.

Amendments to last weeks log, courtesy of Podney R. Sixe and SSM... Our UNID., on 6217kHz., was indeed, Riverside Radio, at 08:43gmt.... 6310kHz., Unid. (carrier only), at 11:13gmt... 6890kHz., UNID., at 09:00 playing 'Now that's what I call music' tapes.

Steve, former operator of FMTR, tells us that he has received summonses relating to illegal broadcasting recently. He has to appear at Sheerness Magistrates Court at 10:30 on 1st May. Anyone free on that day, in this area of Kent, is more than welcome to turn up and support Steve.

**Radio Times...11 - 17th April 1987**

## Problems with pirates

As a regular and enthusiastic listener to Radio 3, I find my enjoyment of classical music seriously impaired by the continual interference from popular music stations, namely (here in south London) TKO on 90.6 VHF/FM and LWR on 92.5. On medium wave, interference comes from further afield with, I think, a German station overriding Radio 3 during the evenings.

Popular-music listeners have a wide choice and seemingly all-powerful transmissions to listen to. The only station to serve a regular diet of good music has poor-quality reception and frequent interference. This poor quality is not just restricted to my home listening; my car radio detects no better reception in other areas of London. In both my home and vehicle, I have the best quality receivers I can afford, so I believe the fault must lie elsewhere.

In local newspapers, I have noted other Radio 3 listeners' letters of complaint regarding TKO and LWR, together with flippant denials from the stations concerned that they cause any annoyance. As we are, no doubt, a minority, I wonder if we can ever expect an improvement in service, but I would like to think that someone, somewhere, might be in a position to take steps to ensure the

discerning listener is provided with as good a quality sound as those addicted to the inane drivel that emanates from more 'popular' sources.

*John Medhurst*

London SE19

HENRY PRICE, Assistant Head of Engineering Information Department, replies: *The two stations which are spoiling Mr Medhurst's enjoyment of our VHF/FM Radio 3 service are both illegal broadcasters. They are situated either side of Radio 3 on the tuning dial and use transmitters located in the suburbs of south London. It appears that Mr Medhurst receives very strong signals from these stations, which then cause interference to his Radio 3 reception.*

*The Radio Investigation Service (RIS) of the Department of Trade and Industry is charged with policing the broadcast bands to keep them free of unlicensed broadcasters. Over the past few years they have been successful in bringing the operation of a number of illegal stations to a halt. However, some stations, such as TKO and LWR, have succeeded in staying on the air despite the best efforts of the RIS. I am afraid there is little the broadcasters can do directly to help except to complain to the RIS - which we do regularly!*

# \*\*\*\*\* \* **The WEEKLY** \* \* **REPORT** \* **U** \* \* **ANORAKS** \* \* **The First with the News in Print** \* \*\*\*\*\*

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After last week's struggle to fit in all the mass of news, this week was, as expected, a bit of an anti-climax. We always seem to have plenty of news though, whatever happens, most of it good, but occasionally, some sinister events lurk just under the surface. At this point in time, a couple of such things are so lurking. One is the Territorial Waters Bill, currently going through Parliament, which will extend the home waters to 12 miles. This in effect, will force further out to the open sea, our colleagues on the North Sea. The second event is an up and coming court case involving about ten people, who are said to have assisted Laser. The first case comes up before local magistrates on 15th May, in Kent. Some of the charges involve criminal conspiracy and the case is expected to be adjourned, to be heard at a later date, in a more important court.

**Weekly Report and Cuttings** is printed and posted each Sunday, to all subscribers. If you would like to be one, the price per week is as follows.... First Class (UK), 35p.... Second Class (UK), 30p.... EEC Countries, including Eire, 35p.... Non-EEC countries (Sweden, Finland, etc.), 40p.... Elsewhere (via Air Mail), 50p. We will accept subscriptions for as many weeks as required.

The **Anoraks U.K. Info - Line** can be telephoned at any time, and will up date you on events and happenings between reports. The number to ring is... (0795) 510764. Don't forget to leave any news you might have, after the whistle tone. We check regularly, and may wish to use the news you leave, on the info-line, or within this report. Like all machines, breakdowns can occur, but these are usually rectified quickly and it is suggested you try calling later, if this happens to you.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Nothing new again this week, but stand by very soon, for something special.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** **PLAY - DX, Issues 457 and 458**, arrived together, again, and were found to contain 6 x A4 sheets of logs and news, each. Printed in Italian at present, although, from June, will be in English, we understand. Details from Dario Monferini, Via Davanzati 8, 20158, Milano, Italy..... **Short Wave Newsletter, Issue 13.** Again, 6 x A4 pages of short wave news, both legal and pirate. 60p or £3.00 for a subscription of 5 issues, from SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex, RM3 OHH..... **Now Radio, Issue 25**, available for £1.00 from address below. The current issue contains 32 pages of news and views from the world of radio, both legal and pirate..... **"Reflections" - The Radio Sovereign Story.** This is a special print of part one, written by Howard G.L. Rose, founder of one of the most unique radio services, yet to be provided to the British listenership. Published by Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 ONW. Price £1.00.

**TAPE OFFER.** Tape 45 this week, features another station from New York, not previously offered, recorded in January '87, **WYNY FM**, a general pop type station. Tape 46 features another recording of a station whose format is about to change, **WRXR FM** from Chicago. Recorded last Friday but one, the station featured classic oldies, but has recently been taken over and these may be the last available recordings. This particular show is a lunchtime one. The tapes cost £2.00 each.

**THE AMERICAN DREAM.** 'Z100 Morning Zoo - Greatest Hits'. Our tape number is A3X and the tape costs £3.50 and runs for 60 minutes.

Scott Shannon explains how the programme came about four years ago, and features some of the better moments.

**WANTED.** To buy or rent, Professional FM transmitter, in range, 250 watts to 2 kw. An exciter or PA on it's own, may also be of interest... Apply Box LB, P.O. Box 539, Blackpool.

**WANTED.** "Take Me With You" (Instrumental) by Prince, as used by Bruno Brookes as chart run-down music. Record or tape of, will do.... contact Kevin Payne, 33 Fir Tree Way, Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 8BU. Tel: Hassocks 2766.

**WANTED.** Spares for Garrard SP 25 Mark. III (record arms), or will purchase two turntables at reasonable price...Tel: (0246) 76072, ask for Ron.

**WANTED.** New, 16 year old, Anorak would like to correspond with other Anoraks or DX - ers of a similar age.... Damien Smyth, 42 Dollymount Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3, Eire.

**WANTED.** Any recordings of American Hit or Rock radio, especially FM stereo stations.... Contact Andrew Webb, 71 Wansdyke, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 3QY, or Tel: (0670) 58727, after 18:00 daily, or at weekends. Swaps or sales can be arranged.

**GENERAL.** Pastafont Music Ltd. are releasing "The Green Fields Of Ireland" by Jim Whitman (LP, PFL 3015.... cassette, PFT 3015), on 27th April. The record will be distributed by RCA and artist royalties are being donated to MENCAP. (Sir Brian Rix has written the sleeve notes). Naturally, they are seeking to maximise promotion and publicity for the album for MENCAP's sake, and if any UK station (pirates, as well) would like to write, giving details of their station, a promotional copy will be forwarded. They believe that this would be a marvellous opportunity for

the independents to demonstrate the power and need for their stations. Their address is... 22 Hambledon Hill, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7BZ.

The proposed A4 magazine... Yes, it is still on, but there is no rush whatsoever, but please do send in any letters, articles, stories, features, in fact, anything which is timeless, in other words, not news items. We still have not decided upon a name, despite hundreds received.

Just a quickie here.... anyone ordering tapes from our weekly offers may experience delays from time to time. This occurs, usually when an in - demand tape is offered, usually an American one, which causes a backlog to develop. To keep quality high, real time is always used, and of course, this delays matters. Tapes from Offshore Echo's, ordered from us, will take about 21 days, as the orders have to be sent to France for despatch.

Finally, our sincere thanks once again, for all the mass of news, cuttings and info generally, received this week.

**RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. DUBLIN.** Following all the cash giveaway excitement of the last couple of weeks, things have certainly quietened down in the capital. Normal shows have been noted on **Sunshine, Q 102** and **Energy 103**, although on the latter, Gareth O'Callaghan has failed to re- appear, and Ernie Gallagher was noted with daytime programmes at times, and night shows, at other times, suggesting shortage of staff. On Sunshine, 'Big Guy' was heard saying that he would be hosting the Breakfast Show, as 'Nails' was going on holiday. They also mentioned the 'Big Cahoon' saying that the prize would be £45,000 in cash, but that to have a chance of winning, one would have to audition! On Q 102's 'Solid Gold Saturday', announcements are now made, about every fifteen minutes, although this usually consists of what the following records are. Previously, only adverts, jingles, and news bulletins broke up the non-stop music.

A new FM station, on 98.0MHz. has been reported as being on air, called **Laser**. **Phoenix Radio** has returned to the air, on 107.0MHz., as reported previously, this time, with much more professional gear. Their current line up reads.... 07:00 Stephen Bishop. 11:00 'Clutter - free'. 15:00 Greg Edwards. 19:00 Tom Brown. 22:00 'Clutter - free'. 01:00 Close - down.

Some Dublin FM stations/relays are reported on the Radio West show, to be missing from the airwaves.... they are **Heartbeat** on 104.5MHz., although they apparently can still be heard on 95.5MHz., **Diamond Radio** on 106.1MHz., Radio West's relay and Boyneside Radio's relay on 105.5MHz. At the time of writing, Sunday lunchtime, **Radio Dublin** are missing on 1188kHz.

**Co. LOUTH.** **Radio Carousel** on 1125kHz., were once again conspicuous by their absence on Easter Monday. 1260kHz was on the air, but when we listened during the afternoon, only continuous music was noted. Normal programmes seemed to resume on Tuesday, however.

The mystery station from Dundalk, reported in last week's issue, appears to be emanating from the old Carousel location, in the Dundalk Shopping Centre, although at present, is still relaying RTE 2. **Telstar Community Radio** have been noted testing a new FM frequency of 89.8MHz. Also, the same reporter, John, tells us he logged **Tower Radio** recently, on 107.9MHz.

The station which made all the headlines last week, **Boyneside Radio** (see cuttings), appeared to operate as normal this week, on all medium wave frequencies, despite the loss of quite a lot of studio equipment and link transmitters, the previous week. The only FM transmission reported from the station, appears to be 98.2MHz. The Northern service, however, is reported to be operating normally. The only time we noticed anything out of the ordinary, was on Friday teatime last, when a lot of gaps were noted in the programming, followed by what we assumed was the link transmitter switching off, at just before 18:00. At this point, the 1305kHz. transmitter was re - transmitting **KLAS FM** and the 1332kHz. transmitter was relaying RTE Radio 2. Around 18:10, both transmitters began relaying Boyneside Radio once more, and the deejay apologised for the break and said that normal programmes would resume, once more. This particular presenter mentioned that they were once again, broadcasting from the old location, Donaghy's Mill, in Drogheda, although an hour later, Ian Scott told us that he was coming from 'studio 4!'. Wherever they are coming from it appears that they are changing studio locations regularly, just in case of further problems.

# Boyneside Radio

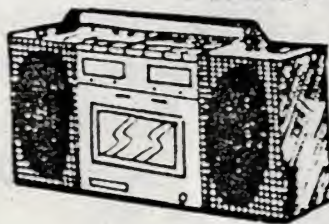


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The complete story of the raid, as printed last week, was given out by station partner, Heady Eddie, on the airwaves of the **Radio West Free Radio Show**, last Sunday morning. Heady was also interviewed at midday, last Sunday, on Boyneside Radio, on the programme, 'DK asks the Questions'. **CO. KILDARE.** **Zee 104**, on 96.1 and 104.2MHz, although picking up new listeners daily, are reported to be still short of staff. If any deejays around the Kildare area would like to send in a demonstration tape, the address is .... Zee 104, 2 Fairgreen Street, Naas, Co. Kildare...Tel: (045) 75296.



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**WATERFORD.** Following receiving **ABC Radio** on short wave on Monday last, medium wave was turned to, and 1026kHz. tuned. The station came through very well and they appeared to be running a 'Bank Holiday Special', with every record played, coming from the Beatles.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** A short report from the Med., tells us that the weather is good, the seas are calm and all seems to be as well as expected on board. No medium wave transmissions are possible until the new transmitter is installed, and we understand that this could be sometime in May. The transmitter has actually arrived, but as it will mean about a week off the air, current advertising contracts must be

fulfilled before this break can take place. FM transmissions continue as normal however. Current deejays on board... Mike Darby (Chief DJ), Dave Asher, Neil Armstrong, Mike Davis, Alex Lee, Steve Richards and Paul Frazer.

**CAROLINE.** The station continued with 24 hour operation during the first part of the week, except for the usual generator/transmitter maintenance between 01:00-02:00, on Monday night / Tuesday morning. The line - up for this period was... 05:00 Kevin Turner... 09:00 Peter Philips... 13:00 Mick Williams... 17:00 Mark Matthews... 21:00 Dave James... 01:00 David Foster. The news bulletins have once again been shared, due to the lack of a full time newsreader. Bulletins have been shared by Mark Matthews, Mick Williams and Kevin Turner. At 10:00 on Wednesday, 15th April, Peter Philips signed the station off, for some 'essential adjustments'. They returned to the air within 30 minutes. Programmes carried on as normal, until about 13:40 on the same day, when the transmitter suddenly cut off during the Mick Williams show. The Radio Monique transmitter, on 963kHz remained on the air however, so it appeared that there was a transmitter fault. 558kHz remained silent until about 13:30, the following afternoon, when Mick Williams re-commenced transmissions, after a 24 hour break. No mention of the reason for being off, was heard. Peter Philips hosted drivetime on that day in place of Mark Matthews, and then at 21:00 the lineup reverted to as previously printed, as the station continued with its 24 hour operations. The only mention of the problems the previous day, was by Kevin Turner who at 05:30, confirmed that there had been a transmitter fault. A replacement for Mark Matthews, who must have gone ashore during the time the station was offair, was heard at 17:00. It was the return of Tony Peters. He seems to be the only replacement this week, and following his arrival, the line-up changed to...05:00 Kevin Turner...09:00 Peter Philips...13:00 Mick Williams...17:00 Tony Peters...21:00 Dave James... 01:00 David Foster. News continues to be read by a selection of presenters. A new promotion for the Caroline Rock Show has been noted during the week. They have gigs in Chatham, on April 24th, and Bury St. Edmunds the following night.

**LASER HOT HITS.** Well, not much to report on, here, with the station only being on the air for one day this past week. On that one day we noted the same staff on board as we left them last weekend. Just three presenters coped with that days programming.... 06:00 Brandy Lee... 10:00 Paul Jackson... 15:00 D.L. Bogart. No news has been heard so far, since the two day break during the previous week. No transmissions were heard when we tuned in on Tuesday morning, and nothing has been heard since. There are so many rumours flying about at the moment about the station, that we are unsure whether the station is off the air due to the same same problem as last week, (no technical bod on board!), or if in fact the long awaited aerial sytem alterations are being carried out in the calmer seas. One would think that since they have been off for so long, the latter may be true. The latest plan for alterations, involves the heightening of the rear mast by another 10 feet or so, and then the extending of the front ships mast to the same height as the rear one. A T-type aerial can then be fitted between the towers, which will apparently give a much better output signal. It is understood that this is probably the easiest and cheapest system to erect, rather than a completely seperate front mast, as they used previously. Alternatively, it is possible that the organisation has run out of funds! We sincerely hope not and can only wait and see, although an article in one of todays newspapers, actually tells of a mutiny. The said article is reproduced below. One thing for sure is that they are in a lot of trouble.

SUNDAY TODAY, APRIL 26, 1987:

# DJ's mutiny scuttles pop pirate Laser

## EXCLUSIVE by STEWART PAYNE

DISC jockeys aboard the pirate radio station Laser Hot Hits have staged a mutiny and locked themselves in their cabins.

And Laser's future looked bleak last night when it went off the air after months of money rows and technical problems.

Laser's ship, the 440-ton Communicator, was still moored off the Essex Coast yesterday while station bosses tried to quell the mutiny.

But a spokesman said: "Things are not going too well for us. We are low on

fuel and there are back wages to be paid."

The station's all-American team of disc jockeys pulled the plug when they heard rumours that creditors would try to seize the ship.

Laser has failed to win back the massive audience it built up just after its launch two years ago, when the slick American format attracted a cult following.

The government ordered a blockade on supplies reaching the ship and it was forced off the air.

Laser slipped back to sea again last December, but it has been unable to overcome a number of technical problems and advertisers have steered clear.

**LAND - BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL.** First off this week, we must apologise to Concept Radio, who we thought last weekend, were relaying Radio Merseywaves, on 104.3MHz (Concept's usual frequency). In fact Tim Jackson, in his Liverpool Report, mentions that Concept Radio were indeed on the air last Sunday night, April 12th, but were completely blotted out by this mystery relay of Merseywaves, on the same frequency. Can anyone throw any light on this transmission?... Quite an active Easter Monday here, with six transmissions logged.... **Radio Merseywaves**, 'The U.K.'s most successful medium wave pirate', on 1242kHz. (and on 104.3MHz!). They had been on all weekend, 24 hours per day and continued the same way for the remainder of the week, although the odd break around about 06:00 was noted on odd days. The station has done exceedingly well over Easter, providing a first class service to very many listeners, not only on Merseyside, but much further afield too. Apart from the early hours breaks mentioned, very little time has been lost due to breakdowns, in fact, the only break we heard, was on Friday afternoon, for about an hour and twenty five minutes, and this was pre - planned and announced as being 'for technical adjustments' The 'R.M.W. Night - Out' on Monday 4th May, at Snobs Take Two in the city has been given exceptional promotion and reports indicate that the evening could be a sell - out, despite the venue's rather large capacity. Many other promotions etc. have been aired and a number of phone ins held, one actually live on air, which went rather well. The station plan to remain on air with the current 'marathon', until the early hours of Tuesday next. Everyone is urged to write into the station, to give the lads (and lass) every encouragement, which they thoroughly deserve. Their address is... RMW, 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW.

**Radio Julie**, on 104.85kHz. These too had been on all weekend, 24 hours, although the strain was telling, not having as many deejays, when one of them put on an L.P. on Monday morning, and promptly fell asleep for quite a long spell! On awaking, he apologised for the long silence, and explained what had happened. The expected medium wave transmissions over the holiday weekend did not materialise, due to problems with the supplying of the transmitter....Elsewhere on the medium wave, the other two long standing stations were also heard,....**Liverpool Pirate Radio**, on 1404kHz.... **Radio Merseyland**, on 1422kHz....Finally, **Slag Off International** was heard here for the first time, on Monday evening. Transmissions appeared to start at about 20:15 with their theme tune 'Thunderbirds'. Frequency was 105.3MHz. Mike Hughes was at the microphone, which sounded a bit distorted, although it was mentioned that a new one would be purchased the following day.

**Radio Julie** were on the air once again over this weekend, beginning on Friday. Their signal was once again very good here in Blackpool, and was even heard well in the Burnley area. Transmissions were, as normal, in stereo. Advertised on the station, were some new Radio Julie 'posters', printed in red, with "104.8MHz stereo", also written on them. They are obtainable from the mailing address RJ, 112 Greenwood Road, Woodchurch, Wirral, Merseyside L49 8HU. The station mysteriously went off air, mid record, on Saturday evening at exactly 21:00, when the deejay interrupted the record with 'B - b - b - bye'. So, whether the DTI had been spotted or not, is not known, but seems probable. On checking the FM

bands on Sunday morning, the station had returned, we are pleased to say, once again, with an excellent signal at this location.

Finally, Leslie tells us that additionally, he logged last Sunday, **WFM Widnes**, on 103.5MHz., **Radio Veronica**, on 104.7MHz., **Radio Scott FM**, on 96.3MHz. and **Chester Community Radio** on 103.5MHz., announcing that when they were next on air, on 3rd and 24th May, if they were not on 103.5MHz., they would be on 106.5MHz. WFM were also logged on Easter Monday.

Logged today, **Radio Merseyland** on 1422kHz., and **Liverpool Pirate Radio** on 1404kHz. The latter were asking for reception reports from people outside the area, to be sent to their address..... LPR, 30 Elkstone Road, Norris Green Liverpool L11 2TD.

**MANCHESTER.** **Sunshine FM** were heard between 10:00 and 16:00, on Easter Monday, and again last night, between 20:00 and 23:00. The frequency was as usual, around 92.2MHz.

**YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE.** **Radio Veronica (Bradford)** were once again, logged here in Blackpool, last Sunday evening, with a good signal, considering the distance, on 105.5MHz. A new location was mentioned and some audio problems were noted. Steve, the operator, said they were putting out 135 watts of power. They held a short phone - in, from 20:30 until 21:00, but shortly after this, the signal began to gradually fade until it was almost inaudible here, when the station signed off at about 22:20. The station was apparently expected on the air again on Wednesday, although we did not hear it ourselves.

In Leeds, **Music City Radio**, on 90.3MHz, were heard Easter Sunday evening, and although they were putting out a good signal, it had once again reverted to mono. The regularity of their transmissions now seems to be reducing rather a lot, unfortunately, as having originally begun broadcasting each night of the week, and all of the weekend, they now appear to only operate a few hours each weekend. They were not heard any night during the week, nor have they made an appearance this weekend. **Radio Radar** made their usual Sunday appearance, today, on 104.7MHz, in stereo. A bit further South, towards Sheffield, **Ocean Sound** were also heard during the evening of Easter Sunday, and again on Wednesday 22nd, and Saturday 25th April, on yet a different frequency of 106.3MHz.

**WLNG** were back on the air on Tuesday night, 14th April, on 105.0MHz, with a good signal, and according to reports, with a much 'crisper' audio quality, although it did seem to be slightly distorted on some of the speech sections. Programmes are extremely entertaining, and put together in a very professional manner. Their planned transmission for Thursday night, 23rd April, was however cancelled due to technical problems.

**THE MIDLANDS.** **Radio PCRL** have been on air most of the week, on 103.7MHz. **Wrekin Radio** were also heard today, on 105.0MHz. A new station was looged on Friday night, last, calling itself, **Second City Radio**. The frequency was around 93MHz. The music content was reggae and soul, and they hoped to be transmitting all weekend. An address was given as... SCR, 105 Brierley Street, Newtown, Birmingham B19 3XJ.

**BELFAST.** **B 96** were noted on Good Friday, from 12:30 until mid - night, with a variety of presenters, including some new voices, and, of course, a reggae show, with Terri Hooley. The signal in Belfast was reported as being good, and in stereo, for the first time.

**BRISTOL.** "103.5FM" were reported on the air on Sunday 12th April in this city. The usual presenters were heard, but some breaks in transmission were also noted.

**ESSEX.** **Radio Hot Wire** were noted once again on 105.8MHz, on Easter Monday, between 19:00 and 21:00. The signal at this time, was being heard in Maidstone. The station was also on the air between 15:00 and 18:00 today, on the same frequency, although had apparently had to change locations, following their aerial and battery being 'stolen' during the week. **Canvey Radio** were also heard today, on 90.3MHz., from about 10:30. A new station called **Radio Rainbow** were heard on 106.2MHz., although giving out frequency of 105.5MHz

**THE SOUTH COAST.** **Reel to Reel Radio, 105.3MHz.** The station was active to the Ashford area of Kent on Good Friday, from 16:00 to 18:00. The transmitter power is reported as about 25 watts and their mailing address is ADAM, 113 The Street, Willsbrough, Ashford, Kent.

**Radio Sovereign, 105.2MHz.** Following the recent DTI raid, the station returned to the air with another long Easter broadcast. They commenced on Easter Saturday at 07:00 and closed that evening at 21:00. They duly returned at 07:00 on Sunday and were scheduled to go through till 22:00, but closed at 17:00 when the farmer, on whose land the transmitter was located, ordered the team off. This ended a very successful 26 hours of broadcasting by the station who stated that it was their final one! They are campaigning for a licence fro a local station in their area. More info from RS, P.O. Box 3, Rye, East Sussex.

**Southdown Radio (SDR) 97.8MHz.** The station has not been too active of late, after their initial broadcast of March, for which they actually received a reception report from Boulogne in France! A distance of some 60 miles, again using a 25 watt transmitter. Their address is SDR, P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

**Radio Boulogne Littoral 91.6MHz.** The Easter Monday International Service once again, hosted it's deejays, live in the studios, in Boulogne, France. Many phone calls were received and instant requests were put out. The advertising on the station is quite healthy at present, and the station is now covering it's overheads. They are hoping to extend their schedule in the next few weeks, due to the instalation of a cassette carousel, but the current broadcasts consist of.... Saturday nights, from 21:30, Pete Simester and Bill West. Sundays from 22:00, with Mark Daniels and Paul Graham. Mondays, from 19:00 onwards with Tim Stewart, Mark Allen, Mark Daniels and Jeff Johnson. Following the regular programmes each night, is 'RBL Night Tracks', which consists of classic tracks, with very few announcements and promos.

**THE LONDON AREA.** Sid comments on last weekend (Easter).... Lots of stations on, but few surprises for Easter. Two stations Time FM and Studio 1 suffered from severe interference on Saturday. LWR stood out this week, on two counts, firstly, they went stereo for the first time in months, secondly, early on Sunday morning, all that could be heard was the needle clicking in the final groove. This went on for 45 minutes, at least, possibly longer... did the deejay fall asleep, or did he put on an L.P. and his replacement fail to turn up? It was nice to hear Network 21 back again, albeit briefly, also Gemini and little Southside Radio, from Clapham Common. Missing this week was RFM, South West Sound and Phase I.

Additions to last weekend's log, again, from Sid..... UNID.(Greek) on 88.3.... CDR on 88.7.... **Network 21** on 89.5.... **Quest FM** on 89.8.... UNID.(Phase I?) on 90.8.... UNID.(Asian) on 90.9.... **Sky FM** on 91.6.... **Studio 1** on 92.75... UNID. on 94.1... UNID.(Horizon?) on 94.6... **Elite FM** on 103.3.... **RJR (relay?)** on 103.3.... UNID.(Arabic or Turkish) on 103.3... UNID.(Soul music) on 103.6... **Time FM** on 103.75.... **Gemini** on 104.3.... **JBC** on 104.75.... UNID. on 105.5... UNID. on 105.6.... UNID. on 105.7... **Southside Radio** on 105.85MHz.

Reported as being heard this weekend..... CDR on 88.6.... **RTR** on 90.1.... **TKO** on 90.6.... UNID. on 91.6.... **LWR** on 92.1.... **Studio 1** on 92.8.... **Solar** on 93.0.... **Kiss FM** on 93.9.... UNID., with soul music, on 97.8.... **Time FM** on 103.7.... **JBC** on 104.7.... and **LGR** on 104.9MHz.

In addition, a new station was logged on Thursday 23rd April, on 105.4MHz., identifying as **Tropic 106.**

**SHORT WAVE NEWS. Log for Easter Monday.**

6206kHz....**RADIO DELMARE**, at 08:21gmt.  
6206kHz....**FRS HOLLAND**, at 10:51gmt.  
6206kHz....**RADIO PRIVAAT**, at 12:45gmt.  
6217kHz....**ABC RADIO (Waterford)**, at 11:00 & 12:57.  
6220kHz....UNID., at 09:17gmt.  
6225kHz....UNID. (French?), at 09:50gmt.  
6240kHz....**SPECTRUM**, at 10:49gmt.  
6250kHz....**ALTERNATIVE VATICAN R.**, at 11:28gmt.  
6275kHz....**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 10:40gmt.  
6290kHz....**RADIO ORION**, at 10:51gmt.  
6294kHz....UNID., at 12:38gmt.  
6301kHz....**STARBOARD SOUND**, at 10:45gmt.  
6310kHz....UNID., at 10:20gmt.  
6313kHz....**RADIO APOLLO**, at 11:04gmt.  
6330kHz....**RADIO EUROPE INT.**, at 10:02gmt.  
6910kHz....**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 11:06gmt.

Logs in BOLD are ours, in Blackpool, where conditions were quite good again, others are from Podney R. Sixe, SSM in Surrey, D. Cracknell in Bury St. Edmunds, our correspondent in the midlands and Stuart Dobson in Staffs. In particular, Radio Waves and Radio Delmare relays were very strong at times. The ABC Radio on 6217kHz., was no doubt relayed by Riverside Radio Int. A Starfleet Radio was mentioned on about 6315kHz., logged at 10:20gmt. Riverside Radio and Radio Dublin were both logged on Tuesday, 21st, on 6217 and 6910kHz. resp.

**Log For Saturday 25th April 1987.**

6206kHz....**RADIO LIMIT**, at 10:30gmt.  
6202kHz....**RADIO MARABU**, at 12:48gmt.  
6206kHz....**RADIO CALIFORNIA**, at 12:53gmt.  
6240kHz....**MAPLE LEAF RADIO**, at 11:13gmt.  
6240kHz....**RIVERSIDE RADIO**, at 12:16gmt.  
6275kHz....**RADIO WAVES**, at 12:56gmt.  
**Log for today, Sunday 26th April 1987.**  
6206kHz....**RADIO DELMARE**, at 08:46gmt.  
6206kHz....**C.L.C.G.**, at 09:33gmt.  
6206kHz....**RADIO PRIVAAT**, at 12:12gmt.  
6218kHz....UNID., at 08:41gmt.  
6222kHz....**RADIO RAINBOW GERMANY**, at 11:33gmt.  
6240kHz....**RADIO RAINBOW INT.**, at 11:00gmt.  
6268kHz....**S.B.C.**, at 09:18gmt.  
6268kHz....**RADIO ECSTASY**, at 09:45gmt.  
6268kHz....**RADIO ORION**, at 10:44gmt.  
6275kHz....**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 11:11gmt.  
6280kHz....**P.F.B.S.**, at 09:54gmt.  
6280kHz....**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 11:13gmt.  
6294kHz....**P.F.B.S.**, at 09:15gmt.  
6295kHz....**RADIO KRISTEL**, at 10:34gmt.  
6305kHz....UNID., at 10:54gmt.  
6315kHz....**RADIO HUIJSILAPOCHTLI**, at 10:02gmt.  
6340kHz....UNID., at 09:47gmt.  
7361kHz....UNID., at 09:21gmt.

Conditions today were rather disappointing, after the last two weeks, but even so, odd stations came in loud and clear. Logs in BOLD are, as usual, ours, here in Blackpool. Others have been kindly rung in on (0253) 882017.

The transmissions on 6218kHz., whilst not particularly clear, mentioned test transmissions to North America and Canada and gave out a Dutch address which was not copied. The Radio Rainbow Germany transmissions were very strong, they were heard playing extracts from the final 'Mighty KBC' show, and were noted signing off at 11:34gmt. The transmissions on 6240kHz. were in parallel with those on 1521kHz. medium wave and were presumed to be Radio Rainbow Int., although no actual announcements were noted by us. A heterodyne whistle was noted on 6206kHz., at 09:18gmt., and sixties pop music was heard being played, underneath the Delmare relays. This later disappeared.

Amendments to last Sunday's log.... The only amendment seems to be on 6312kHz. Podney reports logging Radio Galactia, P.O. Box 60, B - 2510 Mortsel Belgium, at 11:39gmt. SSM report logging UNID. at 11:30gmt., with Caroline SW Int. people, possibly Starbord Sound, and Stuart in Staffs logged Radio Enterprise, at 12:05gmt. ???

Thanks to all short wave loggers once again, telephoned Sunday logs can be rung in between 13:30 and 14:30, on (0253) 882017.